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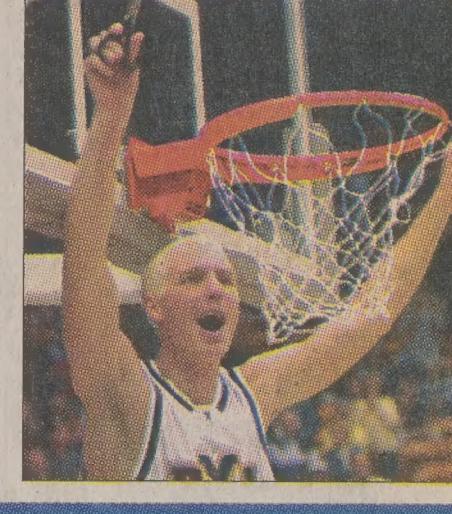
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Reuters

French President Jacques Chirac said during a television broadcast yesterday that Iraq was not cooperating sufficiently with U.N. weapons inspectors, but he would not support an ultimatum.

France and Russia refuse resolution

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — France and Russia vowed Monday to support a U.S.-backed resolution setting a March 17 ultimatum for Saddam Hussein to disarm or face war as the United Nations scrambled to get enough support to call for a vote.

With stiff opposition, the United States and Britain — along with Spain sponsored the resolution — said Monday they were open to compromise.

French President Jacques Chirac said during a television broadcast yesterday that Iraq was not cooperating sufficiently with U.N. weapons inspectors, but he would not support an ultimatum.

French Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, who opposes the rush to war, was voting with the majority of nine needed to defeat a U.S.-backed measure.

Russia believes that no further resolutions of the U.N. Security Council are necessary and therefore Russia openly supports that if the draft resolution that currently has been proposed for consideration and which contains ultimatum that cannot be met is nonetheless put to a vote, then Russia will vote against this resolution," he said at the Moscow Linguistics University.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer opened the door to the possibility of further changes in wording of the resolution, or the March 17 deadline.

Fleischer also said a showdown Security Council vote may not come Tuesday, but could come anytime later in the week.

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Finding a better treatment for pain



Photos by Mark Nolte

Joshua Tomsik, 23, one of the undergraduate research assistants for Dr. Daniel Simmons, (above) demonstrates how the Cox enzyme is inserted into cells for further research. Tomsik (below) puts petri dishes into an incubator.

BYU receives funding for pain reliever research

By MARK NOLTE

Pharmaceutical giant Merck and Co. Inc. recently contracted with BYU to license patent-pending pain relievers and to fund BYU's pain research for two and a half more years.

Daniel Simmons, of BYU's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and his colleagues discovered the pain-causing enzyme, COX-2, in 1991. Then in fall 2001, Simmons' lab discovered another enzyme, COX-3, the enzyme pain relievers like Tylenol attack.

Merck's licensing of Simmons' work means BYU will receive royalties for potential pain-relieving products that stem from Simmons' research.

"There are all kinds of diseases, but pain is a very important part (of each one)," said Yibing Xu, 26, a graduate student from Beijing, who works in Simmons' lab. "Most people go to the hospital because they feel uncomfortable. So

pain is a crucial thing."

COX-2 and COX-3 added to scientists' understanding of COX-1, the first pain-causing enzyme discovered 30 years ago.

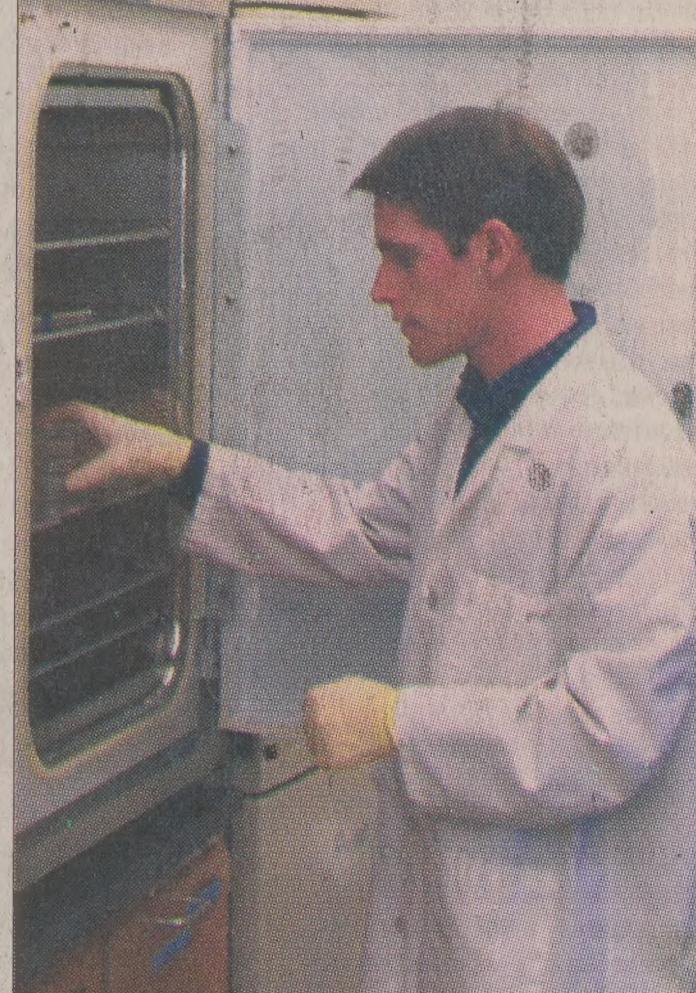
Understanding how enzymes, like COX-2, produce pain-causing chemicals enables scientists to better treat specific pain without inducing side effects.

Celebrex, a drug that reduces arthritis pain, is an example of how controlling different COX enzymes can benefit patients.

Both COX 1 and 2 make pain-causing chemicals called prostaglandins that disrupt joints in the human body. Celebrex inhibits COX-2's ability to make these chemicals while it allows COX-1 to function normally. This is important because COX-1 also enables stomachs to produce the gastric juices necessary for digestion.

Former drugs did not cater to the individual nature of the COX 1 and 2 enzymes. Instead, the drugs blocked both enzymes and caused stomach discomfort.

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Women law students feel stereotyped

By BECCA SILVA

More women at BYU's law school find it difficult as they battle the ongoing sexism that women pursuing a law degree are about family.

"When we tell boys we're in law school, they automatically turn off by it," Rachel George, 24, a first-year law student from Idaho Falls, Idaho. "Even some graduate men, they'll still give you a weird look, thinking 'Oh, you're one of those worldly, femi-nazi types,' so they give you the time of day."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints encourages women to raise a family above a career, female students argue that just because a woman actively pursues an education doesn't mean she doesn't embrace family values.

The prophets have said that being a good woman is something that is a gift to your children," said Dianne Anderson, 22, a first-year law student from Grove. "It doesn't mean that I'm going to be an absentee mother or choose to be a femi-nazi and not have kids. I think it's good to be a good mother because of it."

Television shows such as "Ally McBeal" and "Law and Order" frequently portray lawyers as workaholics. However, some lawyers do spend 50 to 60

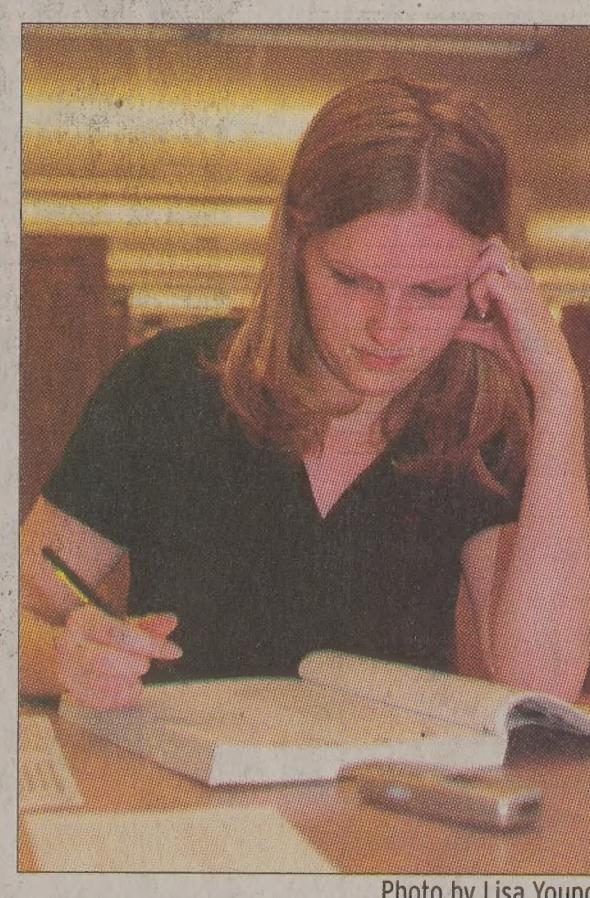


Photo by Lisa Young
Jessica Anderson, senior from Shelley, Idaho, prepares for the LSAT. Some female law students feel stereotyped with the idea that they don't care about having a family.

hours a week working, there are several career options in the law field that leave room for family, Orcutt said.

"You watch TV, and all you see is lawyers work all the time," she said.

"They're really brutal and always in court, and with a law degree there's so much more you can do."

Female lawyers can choose to work on wills and trusts out of their homes, Orcutt said.

Some female students complain that men at BYU respond negatively to female law students because they feel threatened.

"For me, it's been more difficult to date because it's harder to find men who are secure enough in themselves that they can handle a woman who's very independent, and is pursuing her own goals," George said. "They don't like the competition. They don't want women competing for jobs because they're supposed to be the breadwinners of the family."

Layne Smith, 26, a law student from West Valley, said he feels differently.

"Lots of them have level heads, but sometimes women in law school are defensive about the women's rights issues, and they're out for blood," Smith said. "They're trying to prove their lack of inferiority when I don't think anybody believes that there is inferiority."

Despite opinions that women are overconcerned with sexism, some men said they wouldn't have a problem dating a woman who is attending law school.

If people are scared to date law students, then they are just scared to examine their own lives and to think objectively

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Fire destroys SLC strip mall

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A five-alarm fire consumed a strip mall near downtown Salt Lake City Monday morning and threatened a nearby apartment building.

Fire crews from several jurisdictions fought the inferno, as a tower of black smoke rose into the air. No injuries were reported, though the seven businesses in the strip mall on South Temple Street were destroyed, said Scott Frettag, spokesman for the Salt Lake City Fire Department.

Fire officials did not know the exact origin or cause of the fire, but it appeared to have started in the attic above a shoe repair business at about 9:15 a.m. The fire spread through the roof, making it dangerous for fire crews inside, Frettag said.

A dry cleaning business in the complex didn't house any chemicals, and was just a drop off and pick up facility, said Elaine Marion, Henrie's Dry Cleaning spokeswoman. Employees ferried bundles of clothes out of the dry cleaners in an effort to save the clothes.

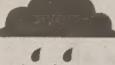
The clothes will be cleaned to remove any smoke damage and customers contacted, Marion said.

Fire fighters worked to protect an apartment complex 10 feet from the shopping center. The crews drowned the four-story apartment complex in water, and fans blew air inside the building to keep the fire out.

"We are flooding it with water to try and keep it cool," Frettag said.

The businesses destroyed were Henrie's Dry Cleaning, Johnny's Barber Shop, Balloon Boutique, Best Shoe Repair, Mail Express, Metropolitan Real Estate Agency, and Diamond Blaze, a watch and jewelry store.

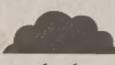
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High 63, low 40

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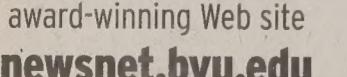
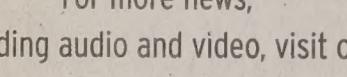
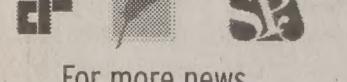
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Reuters

U.S. soldiers hold military exercises Monday near the demilitarized zone north of Seoul. North Korea fired a cruise missile on Monday in an apparent move to press for nuclear negotiations with the United States, which has indicated it is in no hurry to talk to Pyongyang.

North Korea test-fires missile, pushes for U.S. talks

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea test-fired a missile into the sea Monday in what was seen as an attempt to raise tension further in the standoff over its nuclear programs and pressure the United States into negotiations.

The widely anticipated launch from a base on North Korea's east coast fit a pattern of unusual military maneuvers in recent weeks, including the North's interception a week ago of a U.S. reconnaissance plane.

"This is another show of North Korean brinkmanship," said Yoon Dong-min, an expert at the state-funded Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security in Seoul.

"They are trying to raise the stakes in the nuclear standoff and trying to get the upper hand ahead of possible talks with the United

States," Yoon said.

North Korea wants a nonaggression treaty and economic aid from the United States, but Washington says the U.N. Security Council should handle the nuclear problem.

In Washington, top Bush administration officials said Sunday the time still isn't ripe for one-on-one talks with North Korea and any lasting solution to the nuclear dispute will need the support of Russia, China and other nations.

"I think eventually we will be talking to North Korea, but we're not going to simply fall into what I believe is bad practice of saying the only way you can talk to us is directly, when it affects other nations in the region," Secretary of State Colin Powell said on CNN.

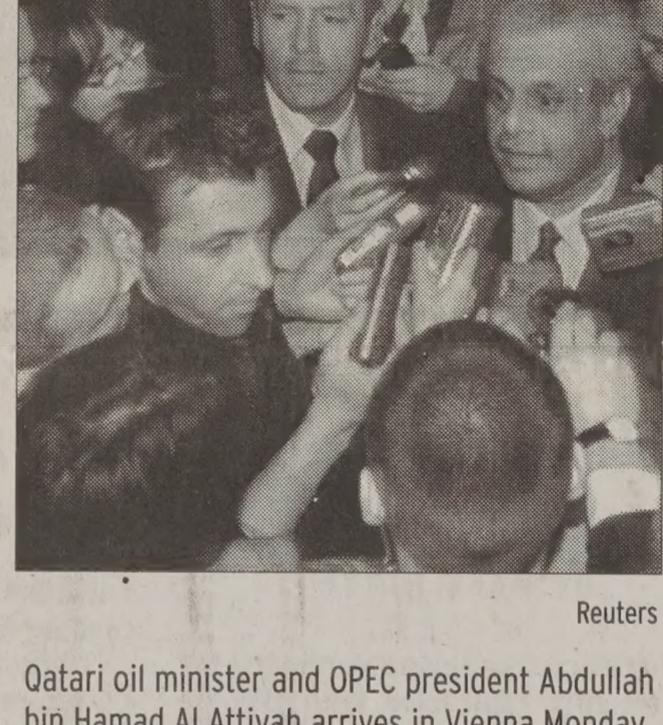
Kuwait resists recession

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — The prospect of war in Iraq has cast a pall over most of the Arab world. But here in frontline Kuwait, it has fueled a roaring stock market, with business men dreaming of a postwar boom.

As war between U.S.-led forces and neighboring Iraq draws near, Kuwaiti businessmen are confident that the United States will remove Saddam Hussein swiftly and painlessly — and open the door for lucrative commercial deals.

Cement and construction companies are planning to help rebuild Iraq from the devastation of a third war in two decades. Banks hope a new, friendly government in its northern neighbor will need massive loans to fund a rebirth. Food wholesalers are getting ready to feed hungry Iraqis.

Mobile phone networks, insurance firms, transportation companies — nearly everyone here has fantasies of a post-Saddam golden age in Kuwait.



Reuters

Qatari oil minister and OPEC president Abdullah bin Hamad Al Attiyah arrives in Vienna Monday for an upcoming OPEC meeting. OPEC meets this week seeking a compromise that guarantees world oil supplies in the event of war, without appearing to underwrite military action against Iraq.

OPEC at limit of production

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — If war erupts in the Persian Gulf, OPEC will be hard-pressed to boost its oil production further to cover a simultaneous shortfall in crude exports from Iraq and northern Kuwait, an oil minister from one of the group's key members said Monday.

The United Arab Emirates is already approaching its limits, said the country's oil minister, Obaid bin Saif Al-Nasser.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries must somehow weigh the impact of a possible U.S.-led war on Iraq when its representatives review their output quotas Tuesday at OPEC's headquarters in Vienna. Al-Nasser's comments suggested that the United States and other major oil-importing countries would need to rely on their own strategic petroleum reserves as a cushion against a serious disruption in supply.

OPEC raised its output target by 6.5 percent to 24.5 million barrels in January, in an effort to keep a lid on rising prices.

Powell: Iraq still a threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Struggling for U.N. support to forcibly disarm Saddam Hussein, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Monday the world should be concerned about Iraq's continuing development of deadly weapons.

Disclosure last week by U.N. weapons inspectors that Iraq had developed drone aircraft capable of dispensing chemical weapons "should be of concern to everybody," Powell said after a meeting with Foreign Minister Francois Fall of Guinea.

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Fed to cut interest rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve may soon be forced to cut interest rates again, driving them to the lowest level since Dwight Eisenhower was president, amid fears that the shaky economy is about to fall back into recession.

Concerns about the anemic recovery from the 2001 downturn were heightened with last week's report that unemployment had risen to 5.8 percent in February, with a big loss of 308,000 jobs.

"Prior to the unemployment report, we thought the Fed would stay on hold for some months to come and the next move would be a rate hike, not a rate cut," Louis Crandall, chief economist at Wrightson ICAP, a bond market research firm, said Monday.

Now, Crandall said, he is forecasting a quarter-point rate cut at the March 18 Fed meeting.

Worries about an Iraq war continued to batter Wall Street on Monday with the Dow Jones industrial falling by 171.85 points to close at 7,568.18.

The Fed last cut interest rates on Nov. 6, when it slashed its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans, to 1.25 percent, the lowest average since 1.17 percent in July 1961.

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Mexico and Chile, meanwhile, were pushing other Security Council members for a last-minute compromise on Iraqi disarmament, officials from the two countries said Monday.

The Bush administration suffered another potential blow when Pakistan's Prime Minister Zafarullah Khan Jamali said his Muslim nation won't support war with Iraq, though he didn't say if it would vote against the resolution. Chile also suggested Monday it is not prepared to approve the resolution without changes.

Chirac indicated the veto might not be needed because the resolution does not have sufficient support for passage.

in will consider ultimatum

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Minister Tony Blair's spokesman said Britain would consider a U.N. resolution that extends an ultimatum to Iraq. The proposed March 17 deadline, if accepted, could give inspectors a specific list of demands based on their assessment of Iraqi disarmament, he said, reporters on condition of

women in law school find dating difficult

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PATENT

Company to fund BYU research

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"That is the hope, that these discoveries help produce the drugs that don't have the side effects," said Joshua Tomsik, 23, a senior from Orem, majoring in Asian studies. Tomsik helped in the COX-3 enzyme discovery.

Tomsik said enzyme research answers some questions, but also leads to many more.

Simmons said Merck's funding of enzyme research is the most important aspect of the Merck-BYU agreement.

Merck's funding will be put to good use as Tomsik, Xu and Simmons' eight other lab assistants are currently searching for more pain-causing enzymes.

Xu said he is trying to understand PCOX-1, a possible pain-causing enzyme found in the brain and other organs.

"I am very interested in pain because in China I have seen how people suffer from pain," Xu said. Approximately 50 percent of the people in his hometown appear to suffer from arthritic pain, he said.

Currently, Xu and his colleagues are interested in the chemical products of PCOX-1 that cause pain and inflammation.

Enzymes are like little machines that take specific materials, such as molecules, and make products. The COX and PCOX enzymes take materials around them and make chemicals that are responsible for pain.

Once the researchers find clues that PCOX-1 is producing pain-causing chemicals they can focus on the materials PCOX-1 uses to manufacture the chemical, Xu said.



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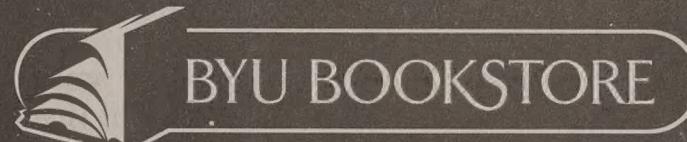
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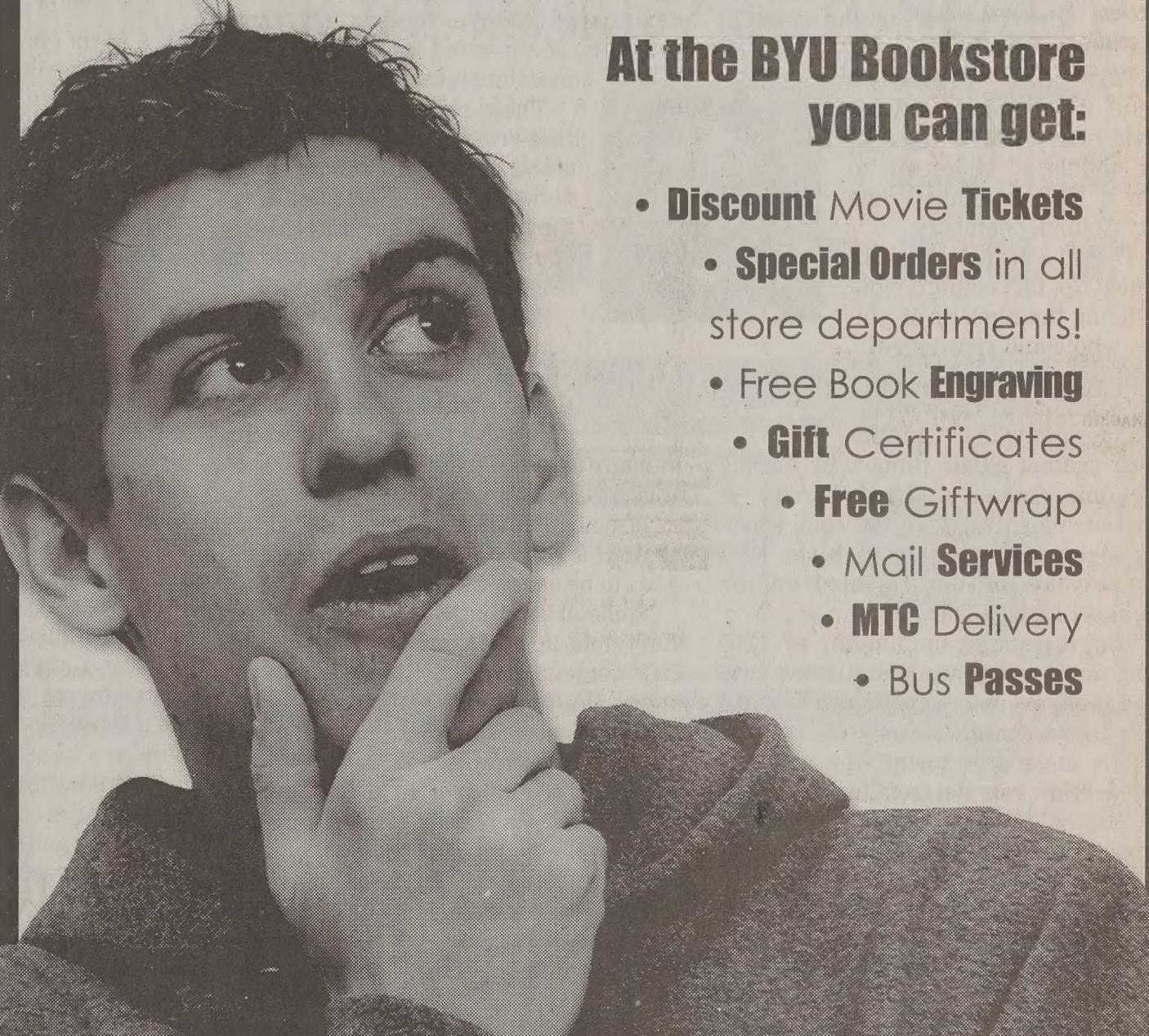
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[Editorial]

The right house

Zoning ordinance benefits families and students

Despite the best efforts of protesters donning shirts that read "Citizens against zoning restraint," the Provo City Council passed an ordinance a week ago that will limit the number of singles allowed to live in houses in residential areas.

While the issue obviously is sensitive for many students who feel they are being deprived of their legitimate right to housing, it is clear that the City Council made the right move because the ordinance creates a situation that will allow the city to maintain family areas while handling the issues of a large student population.

Excuses for students not liking the bill seem to abound. They wonder, "Where would the city be without us?" They ask, "Why shouldn't we be able to live where we want?" They say, "The city is prejudiced against students." In short, students feel slighted.

But as City Councilman Dave Knecht said, the ordinance is "pro-family not anti-student."

The ordinance is meant to increase the incentive for houses to be occupied by owners and families, because they are the people who will contribute to community organizations, put children in schools and create a stable, stationary environment in residentially zoned areas.

The ordinance will not kick out any students who have been living in houses. They will be able to continue there as long as the owner continues to rent to students.

It will also have little effect on the "tree streets" area, where most houses have auxiliary apartments, and will be allowed to continue their renting procedures.

While students do contribute to the city through their service and spending, most of them are only in Provo for a few years, and thus cannot contribute to the community the way families can.

Students may feel that they will be forced, through the ordinance, to subsidize the additional family housing by paying higher rents in a smaller housing market. However, the ordinance may actually help to foster additional student housing development.

This would occur because housing projects in areas already zoned for students would become more reasonable to investors once the option of building or buying up existing homes in residential areas becomes less feasible.

The bottom line is that Provo is in an era of adolescence, and family areas and student areas need to be preserved if the city is going to experience efficient growth.

With this ordinance the city will be able to preserve permanent residents, while creating more incentive for consolidated, efficient student housing that will in the end best serve the needs of the city.

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VIEWPOINT

Student suffrage

BYU students lack legal voice

By MARLA SOWARDS

Politicians follow one simple rule: Give constituents what they want.

BYU students are great at expressing what they want. It's the other part of the equation that they forget.

Take last Tuesday's scene: BYU students left the library on a school night, in the middle of midterms, to join a rally outside Provo City Council chambers.

They protested an ordinance up for council vote reducing the number of singles who could rent together in neighborhoods zoned for single-family residences — a move they feel discriminates against single renters by forcing them into specially designated areas.

Students shivered in the cold, sporting signs and wearing T-shirts with "Don't zone me out" printed on the fronts with black marker.

They'd come at the bidding of 4,000 fliers distributed throughout Provo urging opponents of the ordinance to make their voices heard.

"We make this town!" the students yelled. "How can you treat us this way?"

"Easily," the City Council seemed to answer with the passage of the ordinance.

The students' chants were outdone by another group at last Tuesday's meeting: Middle-aged and elderly home owning Provo residents.

It was this second group's appeals that reached the council's ears that night. No, they didn't chant, don special



MARLA SOWARDS

apparel or wave any signs. What they had going for them didn't need any special display. They were the voters.

The BYU students bent over backward to protest what they saw as prejudice against single renters and they should be commended for their involvement in civic affairs.

Their sidewalk demonstration proved they are willing to stand up for what they believe. But it's the one thing they won't do that hurts their cause the most: They won't register to vote.

Who can blame them? BYU students from out of state, who comprise a majority of single renters, find themselves in a precarious position; in many cases, registering as a Utah voter renegees their home state residency.

It's no wonder Provo's BYU voter turnout is so low (estimated in past elections to be as low as 1 percent.)

Some argue that BYU's Utah natives don't hold up their end by representing BYU students in the voting booth. But a vote should represent the voter, not groups of people who are already entitled to their own votes.

As last Tuesday night proves, when the council is faced with choosing between the needs of permanent, voting BYU residents and the needs of temporary, unregistered students, it's not a difficult decision.

Students can protest outside council chambers every day, but until they mobilize their votes, it's unlikely the council will give students the housing they cry for.

A DIFFERENT VIEW

By BOB GORRELL

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TOMORROW...
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A DAY AWAAAY...

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FROM THE FIFTH FLOOR



By RYAN GRAY

[Readers' Forum]

BYU boycott

Provo has increasingly used students as a scapegoat for its problems. This ordinance will make renting to students economically infeasible for most homeowners. As a result, students will find fewer housing options and higher rents.

Students are an ideal scapegoat because we are politically powerless due to our temporary status. However, BYU as an entity possesses great political clout in this community. Yet, BYU chooses to refrain from involvement in community issues that affect its students. We call on BYU's administration to stand up for its students and take an active role in preventing the implementation of this ordinance.

If we cannot depend upon BYU's administration to advocate our position then we will have to use other means. We suggest a student boycott of all Provo businesses. One result of the ordinance is fewer students living in Provo. Students not living in Provo will spend their money outside of Provo. A boycott will provide Provo businesses with a sample of Provo's economic future under this ordinance. It will encourage businesses to take notice and place political pressure on Provo.

If you have ever complained about student housing or how Provo treats students, now is your chance to take action.

Let them hear our wallets if they will not hear our voices.

MIKE NIELSON
San Diego, Calif.
TREG TAYLOR
Anchorage, Alaska

Meeting the issues

I was disappointed by the extremely one-sided coverage of the recent city council proceedings. Did anybody else notice that the people against the ordinance were entirely realtors, landlords and students, while all the long-term residents were supporting the ordinance?

What this says to me is that the people who stand to gain the most from killing the ordinance, the investors who make their living off students, played on your sense of injustice and you believed them.

If you attend public meetings other than when someone tells you, you might get a sense for what they are trying to do here.

It has nothing to do with ridding Provo of singles or students, and everything to do with getting people who own houses to live in them. Furthermore, as they stated repeatedly in the meeting, this ordinance is not likely to affect you anyway, unless you're living in an illegal unit.

I'm tired of the two times a year I see students at meetings in full vigilante mode, ill-informed and unwilling to hear the whole debate.

KAREN PAGLIO
Toms River, N.J.

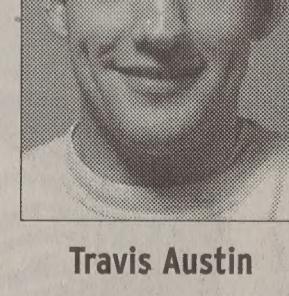
MARK WERNER
Provo

[Scripture]

Of the Day

"It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman."

PROVERBS 21:19



Travis Austin

Austing, 22, a sophomore from Snowflake, Ariz., majoring in English, likes this scripture because "it really is better to dwell in the wilderness than with an angry and contentious woman."

Hold your fire

Saddam Hussein has blatantly more than a dozen U.N. resolutions in the past decade. He is a bad man, bad record and bad weapons some

However, the president I voted couple years ago has not convinced that right now is a better time for sion than in a few months. Yes weather is quickly warming, the will be waning and we can all re-unison, "Saddam is evil." But hold until September, for example, much more sense diplomatically even militarily, than marching in as early as next week.

Germany, France, Russia and want a few more months for inspire to play cat and mouse with them have their precious months, the condition that if Blix's boys are engaged in rounds of hide and come September, the U.N. Security Council would back the United States in implementing a more "forceful" intervention process. In return for a patience, they could pitch in to assuage the interim costs of ro board for a few thousand bouncers.

In September, Saddam will s evil, the moon will wane again and dreaded desert days will be getting er and shorter. Most important United States will have the mi financial and diplomatic support of more countries than it has right now.

In the war against international international solidarity is an asset can't afford to sacrifice.

JONATHAN KIRK

Minneapolis,

Sticky situation

The article concerning parking tions for cars left on the street stat a parking cadet comes across a car appears to be unattended, they chalk the tires and check up on the few days later.

Am I the only person to find statement to be the most ridiculous thing I have ever read? The whole pose of parking a car is to leave it unattended. How many attended park have you seen sitting on the side of road lately?

By their rationale, every single deserves one of those stickers. Furthermore, the fact that they chalk the and check up on it a few days later nothing. If you leave your car unattended outside your apartment building it obviously will still be there a few days later.

Parking cadets need to ask selves a better question than, "Is my parked car unattended?" They should ask, "Does that car look like it actually be driven?" The parking station for students is bad enough as These stickers are only making it worse.

MATT J.

Kansas City

Room for debate

Wouldn't a formal debate with sein symbolically legitimize a mous dictator? President Bush has things to do with his time.

In addition, it appears that most war protesters already know the about Hussein. However, they choose to ignore the truth and scream for apment and peace at any cost.

According to your logic, Pres Hinckley might want to arrange public debates with raving anti-mons. After all, the truth is on his

CHERYL CARPENTER

Falls Church

dirty bombs concern politicians, scientists

Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria (AP) - Scientists, police commanders and government officials from more than 40 countries are converging on Vienna for the world's first "dirty bombs" conference, searching for ways to head off the threat of weapons that spread radiation and chaos.

Governments are concerned. A joint U.S. experts' report concluded that tens of thousands of the most dangerous radiation sources worldwide may be insufficiently protected.

The so-called dirty bomb has yet to be detonated anywhere. The alarm network is reported to have been interested in trying to use a terror weapon.

When it comes to safeguarding plutonium, strontium and other plutonium sources, "what may not be sufficient in the past or may not be now," U.S. Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham said in an interview ahead of Wednesday's conference opening. His deputies acknowledge the dirty-bomb threat was rarely a thought of before the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The worry is not of mass immediate deaths, as in the 2001 attacks, but of the spread of radiation that might cause immediate death, because of fear of long-term illness, and make sections of cities uninhabitable for years. The three-day gathering of experts, sponsored by the U.S. and Russian governments, has an ambitious agenda in laying plans for a global defense against the bombs, known technically as radiological dispersal devices.

The more than 600 technical specialists, customs and other enforcement officers, regulators and others will explore ways to identify the most threatening forms of radiation sources. They also will discuss how to find abandoned radioactive material, keep track of sources in use, combat smuggling of such material, and respond to the detonation of a dirty bomb in a congested city.

The prime concern is the former Soviet Union. Washington, Moscow and the U.S.-based International Atomic Energy Agency last June announced a joint effort to trace and secure unknown numbers of sources the Soviet military and government left in former Soviet states a decade ago when that nation collapsed. They include highly radioactive strontium-90 batteries used in remotely placed aviation instruments.



Photo by Go N. Shootum

Sgt. Maj. Patrick Boykin from the 101st Airborne Division writes a message Monday on a U.S. flag while en route from Fort Campbell, Ky. to Kuwait.

Daily fare better than average

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — U.S. troops stationed in Kuwait may be accustomed to peasant conditions, but they are eating like kings.

They're feasting on 10-ounce T-bone steaks and 7-ounce beef loins from a small meat-processing plant near downtown Omaha.

Needham Meats has a contract to supply prime cuts of beef for soldiers stationed in the tiny oil country along the Iraqi border.

"We do everything that we can do to give them only the best," said Bill Needham, president of the 50-employee plant on the south side of Omaha's historic Old Market district.

The plant's workers chop 12-pound slabs into

sought-after delmonico steaks, rib-eye rolls and T-bones of various sizes. The steaks are frozen and boxed up.

Military officials and Needham declined to say how many steaks are shipped to the troops in Kuwait. However, the Department of Defense confirmed that Needham is the primary supplier of steaks being fed to troops in the Persian Gulf country.

"The troops are eating extremely well," said Frank Johnson with the Defense Supply Center in Philadelphia, which ensures U.S. servicemen have enough food, clothing, personal hygiene products and medical supplies.

"You have to understand that part of the quality-of-life initiative in the military is to provide them with food that is as good or even better than what they can eat here."

Hospital e-mails cheer fire victims

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — As David Malagrin recovers from severe burns to his hands, head and back, he's getting a little encouragement from a friend in Utah.

The e-mails — delivered by hospital staff — have been a bright spot as the 36-year-old Westerly man undergoes skin graft operations and heals from injuries suffered while escaping the Feb. 20 nightclub fire that killed 99 people and injured more than 180.

The more than 20 burn victims at Rhode Island Hospital have been receiving prayers and messages of hope since the hospital added a link to its Web site that allows people to contact victims, their families.

The link has generated more than 500 messages so far.

"We didn't advertise it at all and within the first 45 minutes, five people found it, which I think is sort of extraordinary," said Susan Ryan, the hospital's editorial services manager. "We've gotten e-mails from every place in America, really, and a couple of different countries in Europe."

Malagrin's sister, Dana Ginerella, said the messages have helped her brother.

"The nurses are really good up there, so they've been forwarding them to David," she said.

Messages include a note from a single mother who works in a nightclub. She suggested her son could be a pen pal for the child of a single mother who was injured in last month's fire.

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Job outlook remains mixed for graduates

Studies predict more hires, fewer jobs for graduates

By JULENE THOMPSON

Even though employers say hiring in Utah will be up this spring, college graduates need to be more prepared to compete for the jobs, according to two national surveys.

A survey by Manpower Inc. shows that 22 percent of employers expect to hire more workers while 9 percent expect to trim their workforce.

During the same quarter last year 17 percent wanted to increase staffing levels while 20 percent expected to make cuts.

This quarter, Utah's outlook is even better, with 27 percent of employers saying they expect to hire more, while 4 percent have plans to scale back.

Manpower's survey is based on telephone interviews with nearly 16,000 public and private employers and is conducted quarterly.

Though these figures are optimistic, the situation of college graduates is less certain.

A study conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers shows the job market for new college graduates will be tighter this year than last.

Back in August the association polled, via e-mail, 312 employers that hire college graduates and nearly 60 percent responded. They projected hiring 3.6 percent fewer new college graduates this academic year.

The same survey done in December reconfirmed their intentions to hire fewer new college graduates.

The NACE is the leading source of information for those who advise college students and alumni in career planning and the job-search process. It also is a source for human resources professionals who recruit and hire college graduates.

With the job market tightening, employment specialists have a lot of advice for graduates looking for jobs.

Camille Luckenbaugh, employment information manager of the NACE, advised students to work with their college career centers and to research the companies they are interested in.

"Employers want to see someone with good communication skills and interpersonal skills," she said. "They want someone who can work well in a team. People should articulate that they have these skills in an interview."

Usually employers look to hire their interns first then they look outside for people with relevant work experience, she said.

West Nile Virus to hit Utah this summer

By MELISSA KIMBALL

West Nile Virus will most likely hit Utah this summer, officials say.

"It's pretty much inevitable, because it's everywhere," said Michelle Korth, epidemiologist for the Utah Department of Health.

West Nile Virus, which first struck the United States in New York in 1999, has been found in all but four states in the continental United States: Utah, Arizona, Nevada and Oregon.

The principle route of human infection with West Nile Virus is through the bite of an infected mosquito, according to the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Because mosquitoes need water to reproduce, mosquito densities could be affected by drought. The ongoing drought in Utah could slow the onset of the virus.

But according to officials, that is not likely.

"Last year in Colorado, they had a drought year and they still had cases," Korth said. "Most likely it will come whether or not we have a drought or if it's just a regular rainy season."

The chance of becoming infected with the virus from any one mosquito bite is extremely small. Less than 1 percent of mosquitoes will be carrying the

BYU career placement counselor Lloyd Hawkins said whether the job market is tight or in good shape, some qualities can get anyone a job.

"The key to a lot of success in finding a job is to start early getting related, hands-on experience," he said. "Students willing to get in and hustle early in their major will find something even in a tight job market. Those that scurry around just before graduating have a harder time."

He also said flexibility is key.

"Some college students keep themselves in a tight little box thinking they can only do what is their major, while many companies come to campus looking for all types of majors."

He said many companies are just looking for bright people who can figure things out.

Also, some fields have more opportunities available than others, Hawkins said.

For example, the interest rates for building loans is low right now so there are a lot of jobs for majors like construction management and civil engineering, he said. There is still a shortage of nurses, and accounting is looking better.

Manpower Inc. is still optimistic about the job outlook.

Robert Katz, director of its Utah operations, said employers have held back for a while but now they've been picking up since the beginning of the year.

"It's nothing dramatic but at least it's on the positive side," he said.

Mark Knold, senior economist at the Utah Department of Workforce Services, is not quite as optimistic.

He said the Manpower survey is just based on perceptions.

"The survey is asking employers what they are going to do but whether they do it is another story," he said. "I'd like to think that what they say will come true, but I'm not as optimistic."

His less optimistic view stems from current economic issues that should not be ignored.

One issue is a run-up of energy prices.

"Historically it can have a dampening effect on the economy," he said. "Not all run-ups in energy prices have resulted in recession, but all recessions have been preceded by a run-up in energy prices."

He also said there is a lot of overproduction in the economy that consumers aren't ready to absorb.

"There are more factories and retail stores than the consumers want," he said. "The supply is outweighing the demand."

Psychologically, investors are uncertain because they don't have an answer in Iraq, he continued. Right now they are just sitting on their hands.

Counties examine billboard issues

Two counties put six-month ban on construction

By ZACHARY WEST

Salt Lake County Council approved a six-month ban on the construction of new billboards, bringing the county one step closer to capping the total number of billboards allowed in its boundaries.

Last week, Utah County Commission members implemented a moratorium to decide if additional ordinances are needed to govern billboard construction. During the next six months, commission members will make that decision.

"A moratorium is implemented so local municipalities, counties or states can take a break," said Windy McLean, real estate manager for Simmons Outdoor Media. "It's so they aren't inundated with billboard applications and construction."

Some outdoor advertising companies support the moratorium, while others oppose prohibitions.

Charles Evans, a lobbyist for the largest billboard company in Utah, Regan Outdoor Advertising, said Reagan supports the moratorium.

"In the last year, the number of permit requests has ballooned," Evans said. "They've had 34 building permits in the county, and that is too many. We agreed that they should put a moratorium on it."

Bryan Fox, president of Free-way Advertising and Inside Advertising companies, said he is against any additional bans on billboards and thinks prohibitions and moratoriums hurt landowners more than billboard



Photo by Janni Power

companies.

"If you put a ban on boards, you lock out any entrance for competition in the market," he said. "If you are a landowner and have a billboard on your land, you have no ability to shop that location around to the various billboard companies; the city is effectively taking away the competition for that location."

McLean agrees that bans are harmful to the industry and hurt business owners that are dependent on billboards to advertise.

"As an industry, we never really like to see someone place a moratorium or prohibit the construction of billboards," she said. "It's not our first option, it hurts our business and businesses that are dependent on those billboards to bring customers to their stores."

Apart from hurting landowners and business owners, a ban

on billboards will increase the demand for the billboards in use,

Evans said. He also said that as the price continues to go up, it creates a billboard monopoly for companies with billboards already in place.

Billboard companies are speculating about new ordinances that will be implemented at the end of the six-month moratorium.

"I would not be surprised if the change caps the number of billboards in Salt Lake County so there could not be any new billboards built in the county," Evans said. "We will try to be involved, but we will see what happens."

Evans said in 1997, Salt Lake County officials decided too many billboards were being built. Restrictions were put in place for five years to govern the number of billboards constructed. He said that in those five years, only four new billboards

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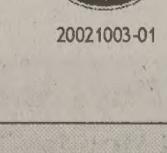
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Housing ordinance works some students

By ANDREA J. CANDRIAN

With Provo's new housing ordinance on the horizon, some students feel they're being discriminated against.

The ordinance was passed by Provo City Council last week and will take effect Aug. 31.

The ordinance will reduce the number of unrelated singles who live together in areas zoned for single-family residences from two to two. Three unrelated singles will be allowed to rent together if one is the owner occupant.

Realistically, we're the ones

make this town," said Tracy

Wallin, 20, a junior from Spokane, Wash., majoring in natural sci-

"We bring the good environ-

We bring in so much money

can't believe that they would

want to be kicking us out. The

situation seems stupid to

Wallin, who lives in a house

of Kiwanis Park, said resi-

need to remember that if

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City Councilman Dave

said students who oppose

ordinance do not fully under-

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find it (the protesting)

ironic, in a community

places such high standards

family," Knecht said. "We are

going to maintain the integrity of

those who fight it do not want

general plan and protest

the council is trying to encour-

age owner occupancy, he said.

"Half of the families in Provo that have kids in school are renters," he said. "Our goal is to turn them into owner occupants."

According to Knecht, owner occupancy in Orem is about 65 percent. In Provo it is only about 30 percent.

"You cannot keep a ward, a neighborhood program, a PTA or any organization going," he said.

"They all suffer when people are going or coming every year or two."

Wallin's roommate, Alicia Heinecke, disagrees.

"They say they're not discriminating against singles, but they totally are," said Heinecke, 21, a junior from Fruita, Colo., majoring in linguistics. "We like the house environment. Why can't we have the same environment as them?"

Heinecke said she believes if BYU students would care more, then changes could be made.

"BYU has enough students that we can put three students on the City Council," she said. "But BYU students don't even care enough to vote. We shouldn't even complain because the people that are representing us are a very small amount. People just don't seem to care at BYU. People need to care."

Scott Roylance, 21, a sophomore from Sandy, majoring in economics, said he feels differently.

"I'm obviously not as informed as I'd like to be, but I think that some people are overreacting to this particular ordinance," he said. "I don't think things will change that much."

Knecht said the ordinance would have little effect on BYU students.

Performers gear up for DanceSport

Event to showcase
dancers of all levels

By JESSICA TANAKA

For over 2,000 dancers, hundreds of practice hours will culminate with the U.S. National DanceSport Championships Wednesday through Saturday in the Marriott Center.

Sean Farris, 25, a communications major from Orem, and Natalie Wakefield, 20, a dance major from Provo, will be competing together in the Amateur Latin competition for the U.S. National title.

"I love competition, and I love to perform," Wakefield said. "It's fun to get people to smile and know they're enjoying themselves by watching you. It's good to see the results of all your hard work."

Farris and Wakefield have been dancing together for nine months.

They said they spend about three hours a week practicing during the year and about eight hours a week practicing as it gets closer to a competition.

"I love the personal challenge in competition," Farris said. "It's fun because you feel like a celebrity for a few minutes."

Farris and Wakefield have both been dancing since childhood and say they love to dance because it's a release.

"It's like going into another world," Wakefield said. "For me, it makes everything melt away, and you're dancing in your own

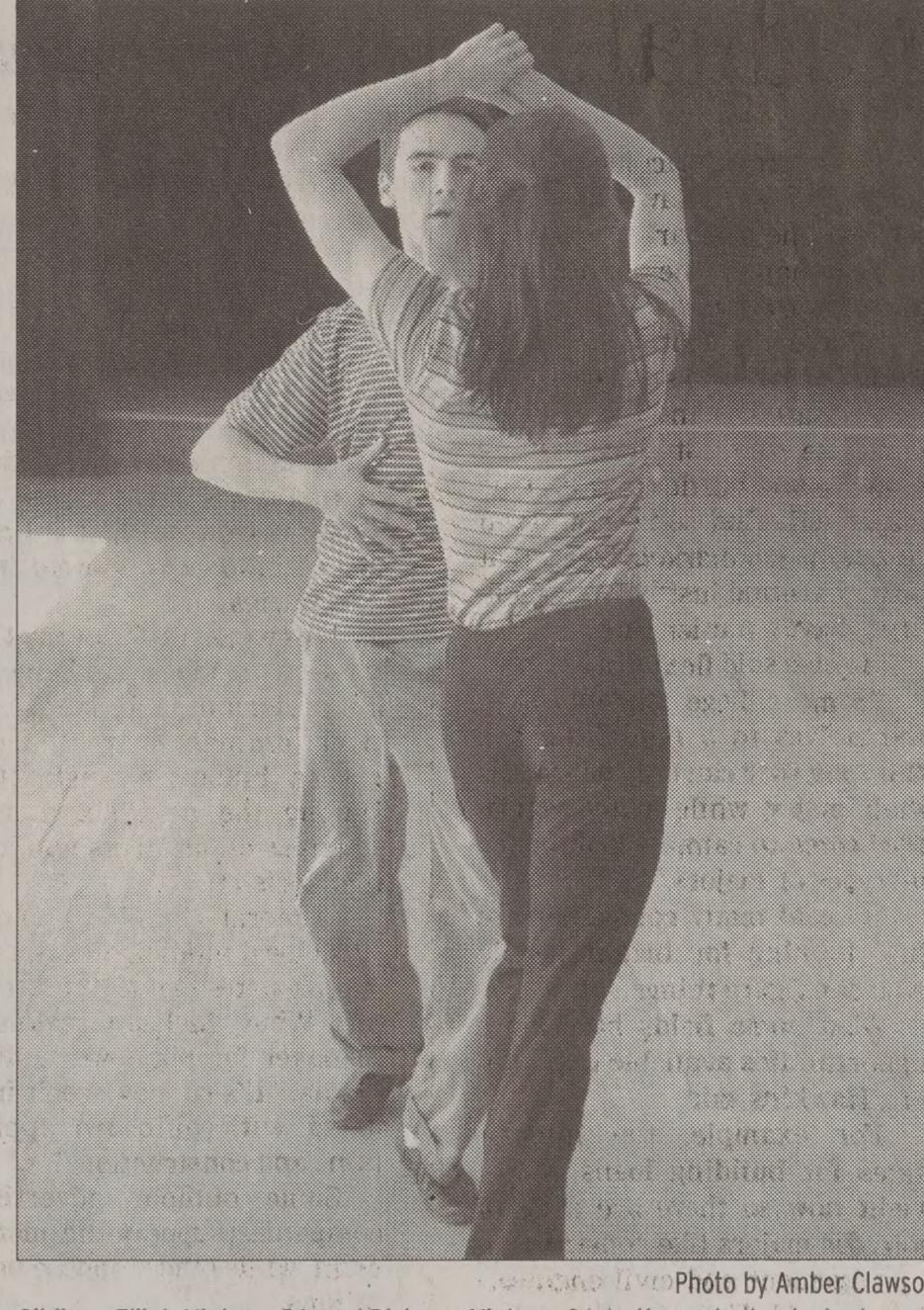


Photo by Amber Clawson

Siblings Elijah Nielson, 24, and Rishann Nielson, 26, both graduate students from Alpine, practice for the Novice Latin event of the DanceSport competition.

world."

"Plus, there's something that happens when you're dancing with someone else," Farris said. "There's this interaction and connection with your partner that makes you love it."

Farris and Wakefield both dance on the BYU ballroom dance tour team, and this will be

Farris said. "There's exciting energy in the room."

Claudia Hill, a Dance Department faculty member, said the large crowd attraction is one reason the American Ballroom Company continues to hold the U.S. National DanceSport competitions at BYU.

"Initially, when they first came to BYU about six or seven years ago, the American Ballroom Company brought the competition here because we have such a great crowd – one of the biggest in the nation," Hill said. "Plus, we have so many competitors, and we have the Marriott Center, which is a great facility."

The U.S. National DanceSport Competition is four full days of competition, Hill said.

Over 60 competitions range from pre-teens competing in the junior competitions, to professionals from across the country competing in the Professional International Standard Competition on Saturday.

"Another highlight of the week is the Utah State High School Team Match," Hill said. "That's where different high schools that have ballroom programs come and compete against each other, and the top team becomes the high school champion for Utah."

Students taking various levels of BYU ballroom classes are also involved in the competitions throughout the duration of the championships.

Tickets for DanceSport are available at the Marriott Center ticket office.

Students can receive a discount with a current student ID.

Student aids grandmother's conversion

By SUZANNE BRIGGS

After 45 years of rejecting the gospel, an article in BYU's Collegiate Post written by Beatriz Ledesma's granddaughter convinced her to be baptized.

Ledesma, from Mexico City, wanted to be baptized by the same missionary who baptized her mother 45 years ago since he originally brought the gospel to their family.

The family contacted the church headquarters and was able to locate John Arnold, the missionary who baptized Ledesma's aunt, living in Hawaii.

Arnold flew from Hawaii to Mexico City and baptized Ledesma on March 2.

"This is such a miracle and more than I could ever expect," Maraly Ledesma said. "It wasn't through my story or doctrine that my grandma was converted. It was because she knew in her heart that it was true."

Maraly Ledesma, Ledesma's granddaughter, made a sculpture about her grandmother and presented it at the BYU Student Religion Symposium.

The sculpture depicted the life of her grandmother and explained the meaning of baptism as well as the importance of the gospel.

"My grandma is the only one in the whole family who was not a member of the church," said Maraly, 21, from Mexico City, a BYU graduate who earned international law and diplomacy and European studies. "Over 70 of her descendants have joined the church."

Maraly's goal was not to convert her grandmother. She wrote her grandmother letters every year for the last five years since her family moved from Mexico City to Utah. Ledesma simply wanted her grandmother informed about what was going on in her life.

Ledesma contacted the Collegiate Post to submit a story about the sculpture after she presented it at the symposium.

Ledesma got in touch with Angelina Carnini, the editor of the paper.

"It was a great story and reflected the culture of Mexico," said Carnini, 24, a senior from Glastonbury, Conn., majoring in public relations. "We had



Beatriz Ledesma chose to join the church after reading her granddaughter's article in the Collegiate Post.

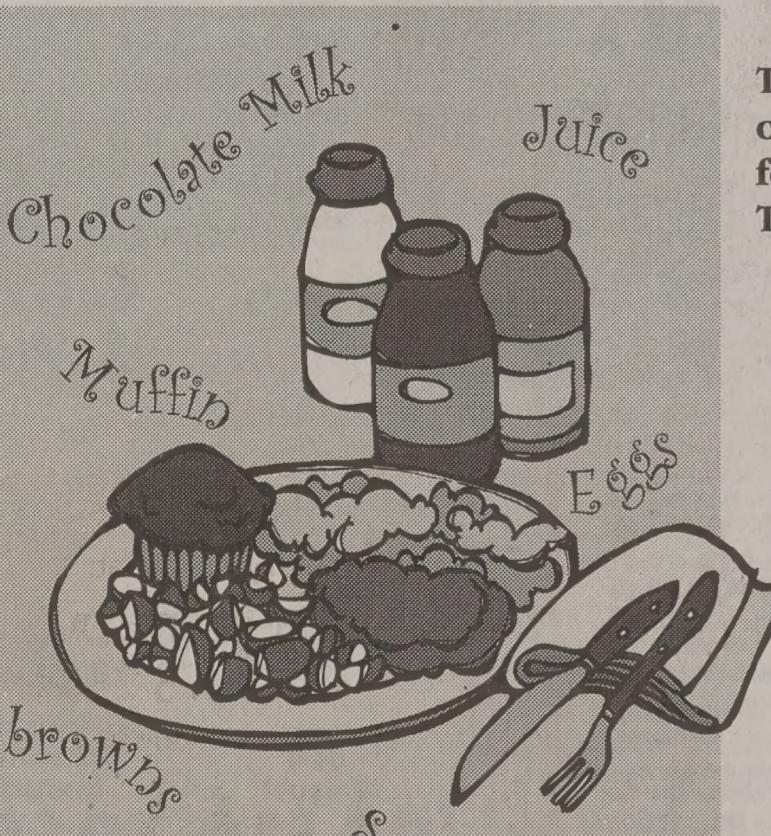
her write two articles so that we could keep the whole story and not cut anything out."

The sculpture, titled "Biacho," is made of clay. The sculpture portrays a woman crouched in the fetal position, with a crown on her head, sitting on a red heart with a blanket wrapped around her. There is also a parrot sitting in a tree in the sculpture.

The woman represents her grandmother, the tree represents family and life, the parrot represents a pet that was very dear to her grandmother, the crown represents celestial glory and the heart represents the waters of baptism and the blood of Christ.

Ledesma sent the articles she had written in the Collegiate Post about the sculpture to her grandmother in Mexico City. Her uncle translated the stories from English to Spanish for Ledesma.

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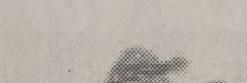
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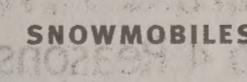
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Speaker to stress power of words

By ELISA ANDERSON

Associate Dean of the J. Reuben Clark Law School, Constance Lundberg, will speak about the power of words at Tuesday's Devotional.

The title of Lundberg's talk is "Words of Hate; Words of Love."

"We take words for granted, but they are very, very powerful," Lundberg said. "They are powerful for good and powerful for ill."

Lundberg said the idea for her topic came from her profession.

"I am a lawyer," Lundberg said. "Words are my business."

Lundberg received her bachelor's degree from Arizona State University and later attended law school at the University of Utah.

She specialized in environmental and public land law.

"I really cared about the environment," Lundberg said. "It actually never occurred to me that someone would pay me to do that."



CONSTANCE LUNDBERG
Devotional speaker

She was a partner in the Parsons, Behle and Latimer law firm in Salt Lake City and worked as an environmental lawyer.

Lundberg worked for President Gerald Ford for two years and was also a founding director of Geneva Steel.

She has been a professor at BYU for 20 years and was previously an adjunct professor at the University of Utah College of Law and the Utah State University College of Natural Resources.

She is currently the director of the Law Library at the J. Reuben's Clark Law School.

She has published law articles as well as environmental and chemistry articles that she coauthored with a professor in the Chemistry Department.

Lundberg feels the topic of her talk is important for everyone to think about, not just BYU students.

The talk will help anyone learn how to set the tone and temperature of their language to what they want to communicate

and accomplish, she said.

"I think that in the United States, perhaps in the world, we have reached the point where we have raised the temperature of discourse, and we use stronger and stronger words to say things," Lundberg said. "Sometimes it stops dialogue, and it creates barriers, and it creates fights."

Lundberg thought of the topic immediately but has spent a lot of time polishing and moderating her talk, she said.

"There is not a single word in my talk that was in my first draft," Lundberg said. "Little by little, it evolved."

Lundberg is looking forward to the talk. She said she is never really nervous to speak because she has made so many speeches in her life.

However, speaking at the Devotional will be a different experience for her, she said.

"Standing at a podium where the prophet stands and being expected to say something important is very intimidating," Lundberg said.

After reading many past Devotional talks, she understands why so many of them began with "I am really humble to be here," she said.

The Devotional will be at 11:05 a.m. in the Marriott Center.

Kennedy Center to sponsor discussion of Iraq

for everyone on campus."

The David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies at Brigham Young University will host "Iraq: Framework for Analysis," an interdisciplinary panel discussion featuring four BYU experts. The discussion will be in the terrace of the Wilkinson Student Center from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Thomas R. Lee, professor of law at the J. Reuben Clark Law School, who has published widely on the topics of constitutional and public law, will moderate the discussion.

"The happenings in Iraq," Lee said, "are of crucial significance

to hear from experts who will identify the various factors that should inform people's judgment on the situation in Iraq," he said.

Panel members include Donna Lee Bowen, a professor of political science, who has published widely on the Middle East; and Gerrit W. Gong, assistant to the president for planning and assessment and a professor of political science, who has served all three branches of the United States government, including serving on the Commission on Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States.

Lee adds that the discussion will not be a debate on the advisability of war or of the Bush administration's policies. "It will be an opportunity for the campus community



Chelsea Cooper, junior from Springs, Mo., was talking to a police officer about the dent she witnessed near Helaman.

Photo by Jason Carr

Student injured in bicycle accident

By ELISA ANDERSON

A BYU student was injured after her bicycle collided with a car Monday afternoon near Helaman Halls.

Kristi Burnsides, 20, a junior from Los Alamos, N.M., majoring in audiology and speech language pathology, was riding her bike without a helmet when she rode directly into the vehicle.

Chelsea Cooper, 19, a junior from Blue Springs, Mo., majoring in psychology, was a witness to the accident.

Cooper was walking home from her dance class when she saw Burnsides ride her bike into the

passenger side of a moving car.

"She hit the side of the car pretty hard," Cooper said. "She flipped over, hit the car again and hit the ground."

Cooper stopped to see if Burnsides would get up.

"At first, I was panicking because she got up and was just dripping blood from her mouth," Cooper said.

The driver of the car stopped immediately and called 911 on his cell phone. Cooper said Burnsides visibly looked shaken.

When Cooper saw blood coming out of Burnsides' mouth, she put down her bags and ran over to grab her head, she said.

"I just held her head in my

lap, and blood was coming out of her mouth," Cooper said.

Burnside was responding questions and told Cooper she recently had her wisdom teeth removed.

"She seemed fine," Cooper said.

Jessica Brinton, 21, a junior from Salt Lake City, majoring in nursing, is Burnsides' roommate.

"Kristi told me that she was in a pool of blood," Brinton said.

She was taken to Utah Valley Hospital in an ambulance, was X-rayed and then sent to her oral surgeon.

Her jaw broke in the bottom left area of her mouth, one of her wisdom teeth recently removed, Brinton said.

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Coming together in music

Music a universal language for all

By BERNICE MADSEN

Many musicians in the Philharmonic Orchestra have the opportunity to perform individually as well as part of an ensemble.

However, Megan Hopkin, a member of the orchestra, said playing as part of an orchestra is what she loves most about playing the violin.

"I would rather play in an ensemble than play alone," she said.

Hopkin, a sophomore from Boston majoring in music, said playing in an orchestral setting with over 100 other violinists is overwhelming.

But it's comforting not being distinguished individually while playing, she said.

"I kind of like the feeling that I can't be heard," Hopkin said. "It takes away all nervousness, shyness and worry."

Hopkin said as a result, she can concentrate on articulating the emotion of the music.

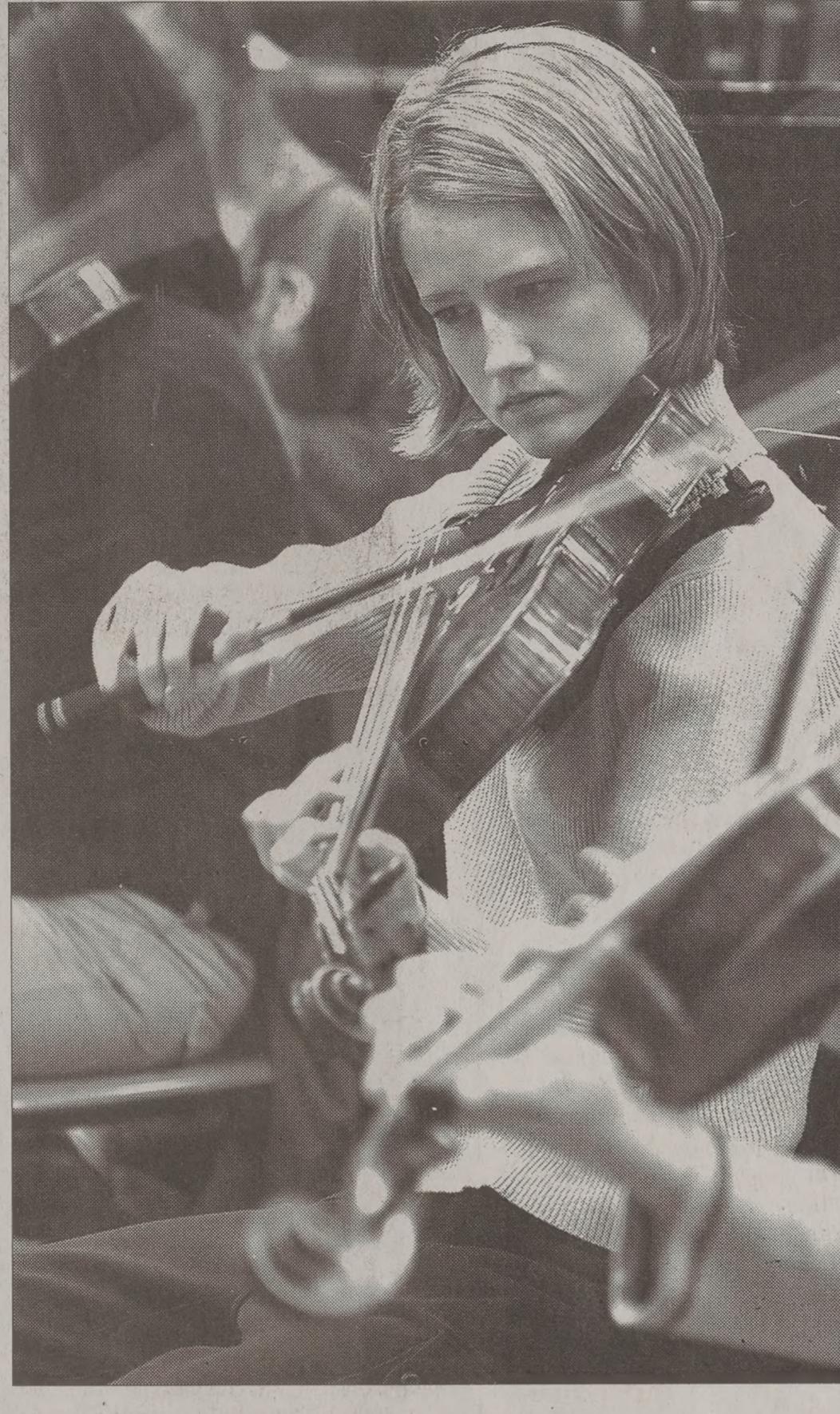
"We are all expressing the same ideas and feelings," she said.

Jeremy Starr, another member of the Philharmonic Orchestra, said the ensemble comes together in expressing music as the universal language.

"All over the world, music is the language people can all respond to," he said. "We give people the opportunity to really grow and be edified."

Hopkin said each musician is still required to play in tune and do his or her part.

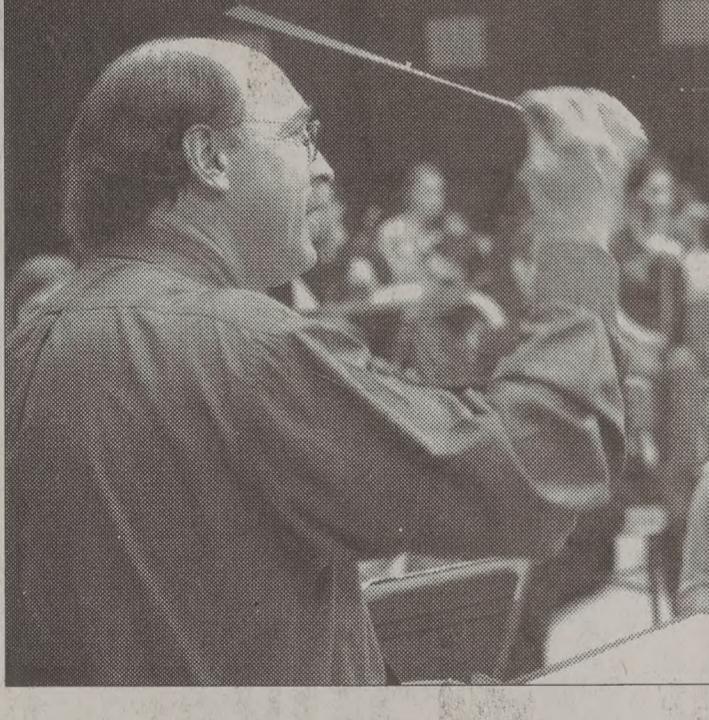
"But there is a lot less focus on myself and more focus on the people around me," Hopkin said. "I like that feeling."



WOOD, WIND AND MUSIC

As members of the BYU Philharmonic Orchestra practice for tonight's performance in the de Jong Concert Hall, they have an opportunity to focus on becoming part of something bigger.

Photos by Amber Clawson



Club embraces the sweet taste of nature

By PAIGE ENGELHARDT

Members of the recently founded off-campus Fruit Club meet every month for a uniquely inspired celebration; but don't be afraid – it's not what you think.

An exponentially increasing population of BYU students embraces their love and appreciation for fruit by making and eating diverse fruit dishes at the Fruit Club's monthly meetings.

"I mean, who doesn't love fruit?" said Jason Kim, a junior from Buffalo, N.Y., majoring in business and a proud member of the Fruit Club.

For that reason, as well as an excuse to hangout with friends, Holly Baldwin, a junior from Raleigh, N.C., majoring in advertising, and her roommate co-founded the Fruit Club.

"My roommate and I were trying to think of some way we could get our friends together just to hang out so that we could see them all," Baldwin said. "So we decided to form a club. We decided to form the Fruit Club because it sounds like Fight Club and that's funny."

Since their first meeting in October of 2002, the club has seen incredible growth.

"Attendance grows so rapidly – like exponential growth – and more people come every time," Baldwin said. "I'm not sure how many people we have on our mailing list right now – I would guess somewhere around 110, and it started out with just maybe 10 of us, and that was just five meetings ago."

There seems to be little questioning in the minds of the faithful members as to why the club is so popular.

"I love the fruit," Kim said. "That's what it all comes down to. Even if the people weren't there, and the fruit was, I'd still come. And that's what it's about – the fruit – appreciation of fruit."

Other members resonate the same passion for fruit.

"I like eating fruit," said Dave Axelgard, a junior from Washington, D.C., majoring in film. "I like talking about fruit. I love the dance party that follows every Fruit Club [meeting]."

The fact that the club is founded simply on a food group also attracts members.

"It's a very Seinfeldian club in that it's just sort of a club about nothing, but at the same time that makes it a club about everything," Axelgard said. "The world would probably keep spinning if the Fruit Club stopped meeting, but I know for a lot of us, it just wouldn't be as fulfilling."

Members of the Fruit Club are required to bring a fruit dish that corresponds to the "fruit-of-the-month" to each meeting, Baldwin said.

"It's BYOFD, which means bring your own fruit dish," Baldwin said.

Fruit dishes brought by members have varied widely among meetings.

"We've had cobblers and smoothies and fruit pies," Baldwin said. "We had one month where almost nobody brought fruit because it was kind of a free-for-all because it [the fruit-of-the-month] was passion fruit and people had a hard time with that. So we even had meatloaf and other good things ... they definitely made it with passion so it's OK."

The Fruit Club, which receives a lot of initial skepticism, enjoys the fact that it is unlike other clubs on campus or off.

"There's nothing normal about the Fruit Club," Axelgard said. "There's nothing normal about the people that go. There's nothing normal about the fact that the last time I went I ate almond and spinach meatloaf – I mean everything's different, and that's what everybody loves about it."

Baldwin and others understand strangers to the Fruit Club's preliminary impressions. "At the beginning, people were a little bit scared of it because it's called the Fruit Club, and that's a bit scary."

Holly Baldwin
Student

Fortunately, this has not adversely affected the members who faithfully attend the monthly meetings.

"I like the fact that it's ambiguous – that when you mention that you're a member of the Fruit Club people look at you weird until you explain what it is," Axelgard said.

The increasing popularity of the Fruit Club has spawned new venues of expansion for the club and its passionate members.

Axelgard recently designed a Fruit Club emblem that he ironed onto a T-shirt. He has received numerous requests to make more T-shirts for fellow members.

Kim received the prestigious "fruit clubber of the month" status last month when he introduced the club sign to all members.

"The purpose is so you can distinguish on campus who's in the Fruit Club and who's not, and who loves fruit and who doesn't," Kim said.

The Fruit Club has exciting plans for the month of March.

"Coconut is the fruit of the month, and so we'll be celebrating and appreciating coconut at our March meeting," Baldwin said. "So that means that people will probably bring things like pina coladas and anything you make with coconut."

It's easy to become a member of the Fruit Club and attend its monthly fruit appreciation meetings. One must simply e-mail Baldwin at hurray4dolphins@yahoo.com to sign up for the meeting announcement e-mails.

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Poetry reading with a twist

"Norris's Ark" use composed music as accompaniment

By ROB ROXBURGH

KBYU-FM Classical 89 will present "An Evening of Whimsical Verse and Music" on Tuesday.

Leslie Norris, poet and emeritus professor of creative writing at BYU, will read from his book "Norris's Ark."

"Norris's Ark" is a collection of poetry written for children. The work includes such titles as, "Hippopotamus," "Wire-haired Fox," "Terrier," "Tiger" and "Dragonfly."

Music composed by two BYU School of Music graduate students, Ryan Gee and Neil Thorncroft, will accompany the reading. Students from the School of Music will perform the new composition for this world premiere of "Norris's Ark."

X.J. Kennedy wrote the introduction to "Norris's Ark."

"Unlike some children's poets who derive their only knowledge of beasts from libraries, Norris persuades us that these creatures are close friends," Kennedy said. "He sympathizes with them without waxing sentimental."

Kennedy said the poems were

written with the intention to be read aloud over British Broadcasting Corp. Radio.

"The demands originally placed on these poems may have helped in perfecting them," Kennedy said. "In being obliged to shape them to children's ears, Norris makes the poems richly musical."

Norris was born in Wales where he attended Coventry College and the University of Southampton. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and The Welsh Academy.

Norris was invited to read poetry in Westminster Abbey to honor 20th century poet Dylan Thomas.

Norris's work has been published frequently in The Atlantic Monthly and The New Yorker. The poems and short stories Norris has written have won international awards.

Norris was also recommended for Britain's Poet Laureate in which a poet is appointed for life by an English sovereign as a member of the royal household.

and honored for achievement in his art as the country's most eminent poet.

Norris's newest publication, "Albert and the Angels," is a Christmas story for children. His life and works have been featured in the KBYU-TV production "Crossing Borders."

The presentation of "Norris's Ark" will be included in a 13-part radio series produced by KBYU-FM entitled "About Music." The series features the expertise of diverse hosts discussing a wide range of topics from Bach's church music to the legendary guitar strains of Jimmy Hendrix.

The program will be broadcast on KBYU-FM 89.1 and 89.5 and online at www.kbyufm.org. Listeners can tune in on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 9 a.m. starting April 5.

"Norris's Ark" is presented by KBYU-FM and is produced in cooperation with the BYU Division of Continuing Education.

"Norris's Ark" is free to the public and will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall. The program will be recorded for both radio and television.



Leslie Norris

Dance portrays Trojan War

By ELIZABETH LEWIS

A classical play detailing the aftermath of the Trojan War dances onto stage with a modern choreography twist.

Barta Heiner, an associate professor in the Department of Theatre and Media Arts at BYU, directs "Trojan Women." Heiner said the play explores politics, personal topics and people's lives affected by the Trojan War.

Heiner conceived the idea for adding modern dance to "Trojan Women" when she worked at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts and saw another classical play by Euripides performed.

"It really fascinated me when I saw what they tried to do with the production," Heiner said. "They experimented with movement. In watching it, I felt like it was more personally accessible than just people standing around chanting."

Choreographer Caroline Prohosky developed the modern dance sequences the play. Heiner said the Greek chorus in the play has the feel of modern dance with Grecian flavor.

Heiner said the lighting in the play will adhere to the type used for dance programs instead of theater.

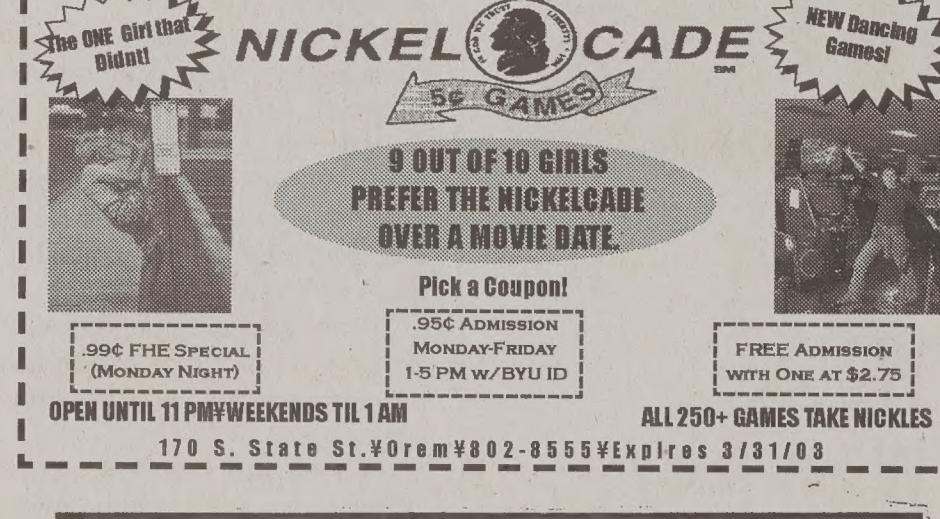
Almost all the actors in the play dance, with the exception of two whose parts did not require dancing.

"We had to find dancers that could act and actors that could move," Heiner said.

Previews for "Trojan Women" are in the Maggett Arena Theatre, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Regular performances will run this Friday through March 29. Show times are 7:30 p.m. with no Sunday or Monday performances and a matinee at 2 p.m. March 22.

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LACROSSE

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Saturday - BYU vs. Pittsburgh 7 p.m. (Ann Arbor, Mich.)

Cleveland, Hansen earn MWC honors

*Honors come as
 Cougars prepare
 for tournament*

By NIC GOODFELLOW

The Mountain West Conference announced its end-of-season awards on Monday, and more than one Cougar made the list.

The awards are decided by a vote of a number of print and broadcast media, along with MWC coaches themselves.

Coach Steve Cleveland was named conference coach of the year for leading the Cougars to a 22-7 overall record, an 11-3 in conference record and a share of the MWC crown with the University of Utah.

"It's kind of humbling," Cleveland said. "There is a lot of great coaches in this league, and it's a great honor."

He gave full credit to his assistant head coach Dave Rose, who has been with him for six years, and the other assistants who have helped him throughout the year.

Senior guard Travis Hansen was named co-defensive player of the year with UNLV's Marcus Banks, and was a first team all-conference selection.

The Most Valuable Player was awarded to Ruben Douglas of New Mexico, who led the nation in scoring for most of the year.

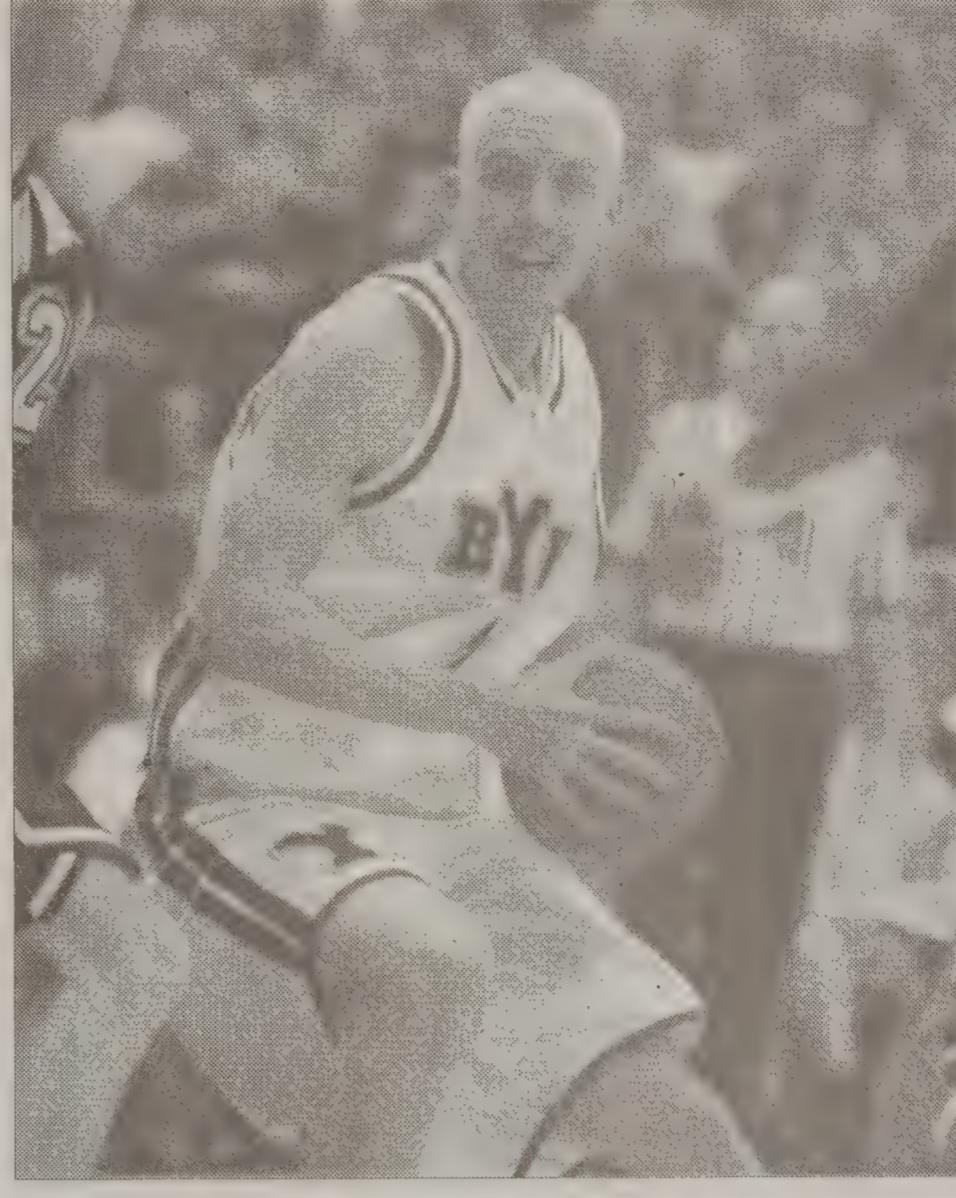
"Travis has been a leader on the floor as well as off the floor," Cleveland said. "I appreciate his leadership."

Steve Cleveland
 BYU head coach on senior
 guard Travis Hansen

The Most Valuable Player was awarded to Ruben Douglas of New Mexico, who led the nation in scoring for most of the year.

Cleveland did not say if he thought Hansen deserved the player of the year award, but he did say that Douglas has really gotten better throughout the year and was deserving of the honor.

Hansen ranks fifth in scoring among all MWC players for the year (16.7), is in the top 10 in free throw percentage (.798). He also ranks in the top 20 in both rebounds (4.7) and assists (2.45).



Left: Travis Hansen looks for a path between two Wyoming defenders last week in the Marriott Center. The senior forward was named to the All-Mountain West Conference First Team on Monday.

Photo by Corey Perrine

Bottom: BYU coach Steve Cleveland reacts to an official's call last month against San Diego State. Cleveland was named MWC Coach of the Year on Monday.

Photo by Andy von Harten



Juniors Rafael Araujo and Mark Bigelow were also selected as MWC third team members. Bigelow ranks in the top 15 in scoring (13.8), and is fifth in free throw percentage (.835). Araujo ranks second in field goal percentage (.577) and fourth in steals (1.45) on the year.

The team now prepares for the MWC tournament. The tournament starts Thursday, with the championship game on Saturday night.

The tournament will take place in the Thomas and Mack Center on the Campus of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

The Cougars' first game is Thursday against the Lobos of New Mexico at 1 p.m. and can be seen on ESPN+ Plus, KJZZ in Salt Lake. The tournament semifinals will be played on Friday.

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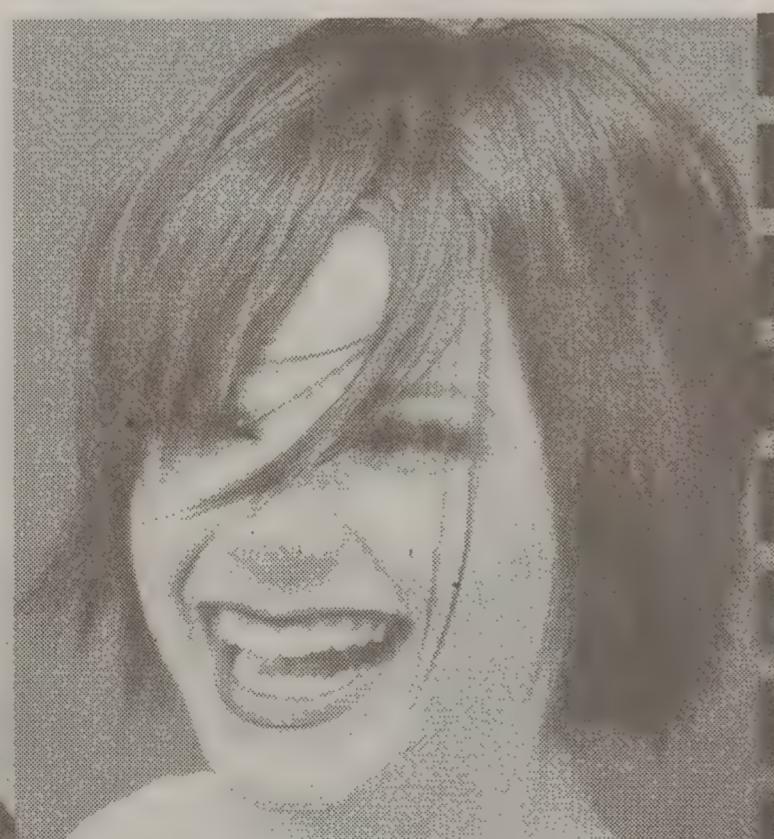
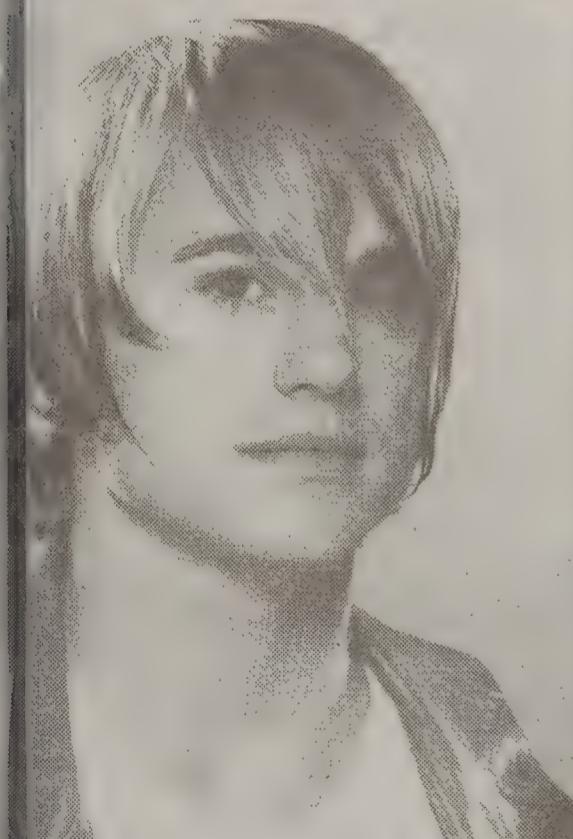
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Thorn, Cheesman voted to All-MWC teams

By HILLARY WALLACE

The Mountain West Conference announced two members of BYU's women's basketball team, senior guard Erin Thorn and sophomore forward Danielle Cheesman, were named to the 2002-03 all-conference teams.

The regular-season awards were voted on by head coaches from the conference and announced by the league office Monday.

Thorn, a four-time All-MWC honoree, joined four other top players on the MWC first team. Last year she led BYU to a tournament championship and the team's first appearance in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen.

Cheesman joined the All-MWC second team for her first time as a Cougar.

Coach Jeff Judkins said Thorn leads in the top categories of the conference and deserved to be named the MWC Player of the Year.

"No question Erin is the best all-around player in the league," Judkins said. "I don't think she got a fair shake."

Thorn ranks second in the conference in scoring with 18 points per game and leads in free-throw percentage shooting 90.1 percent. Thorn also ranks second in three-point shooting percentage (42.7 percent) and assists (5.78 apg). She is fifth in the nation with 3.3 treys per game and has a streak of 35 straight games with a three-pointer.

Cheesman is the Cougars' second leading scorer, averaging 11 points per game and leads the team in rebounds with five per game. She has filled the gap left after the dismissal of senior forward Jennifer Leitner earlier this season for violating team rules.

"I think Danielle's selection was right," Judkins said. "She's one of the Top 10 players in the Mountain West."

Included in the all-conference first team is Utah's Kim Smith who was named MWC Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year, becoming the first player to capture both honors.

"Offensively she's a match up problem for a lot of people," Thorn said. "I think the player picked for MVP should be on a team that without the player, the team would be nothing."

Thorn said no matter what a player does in the conference, the success of the team is what really counts.

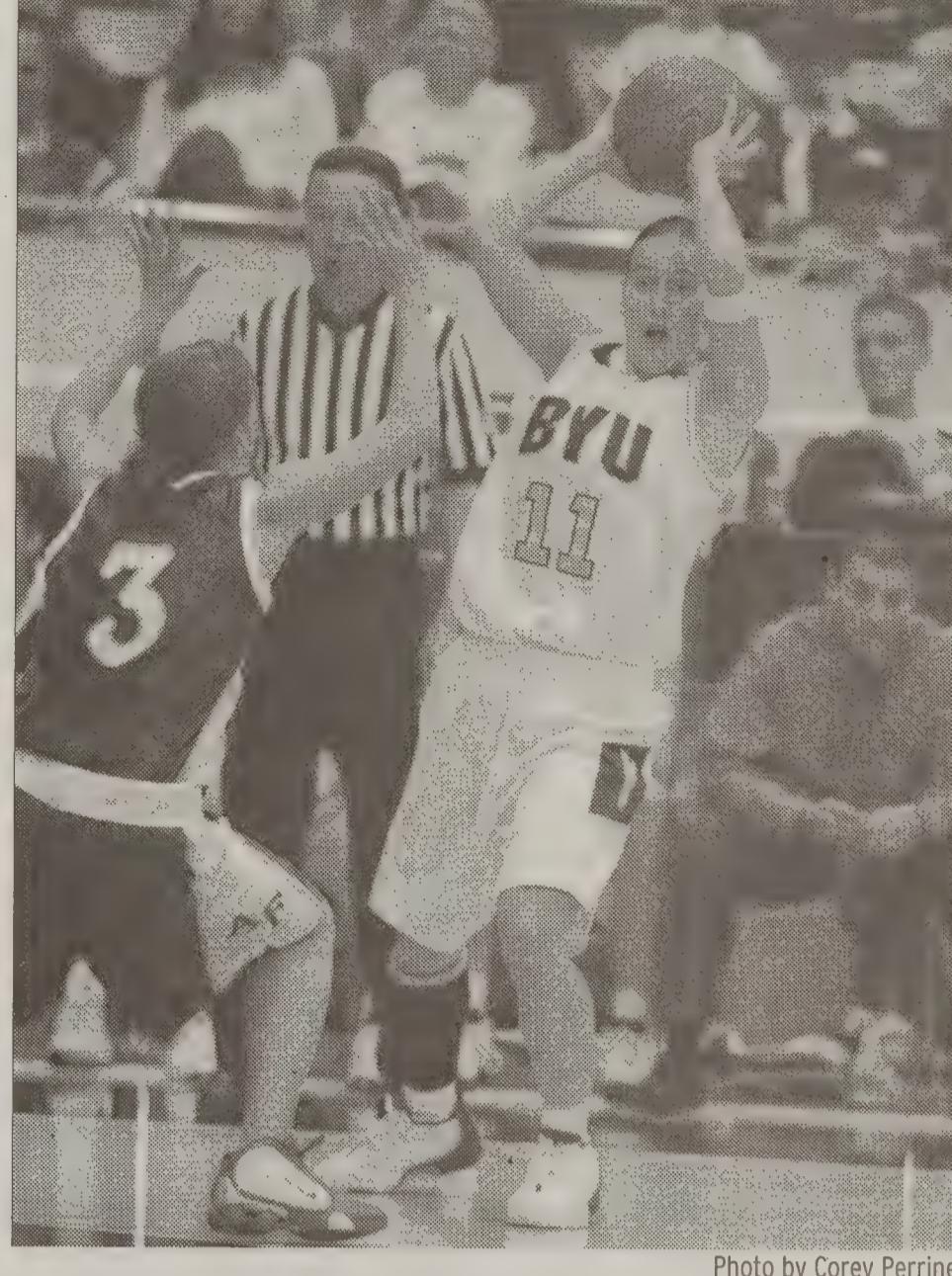


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Sophomore Danielle Cheesman defends a Ute player last month. She was named to the All-MWC Second Team on Monday.

Photo by Jack R. Peterson

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1. Arizona
2. Kentucky
3. Texas
4. Kansas
5. Pittsburgh
6. Oklahoma
7. Florida
8. Marquette
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10. Xavier
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12. Duke
13. Illinois
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3. LSU
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5. Texas
6. Louisiana Tech
7. Kansas State
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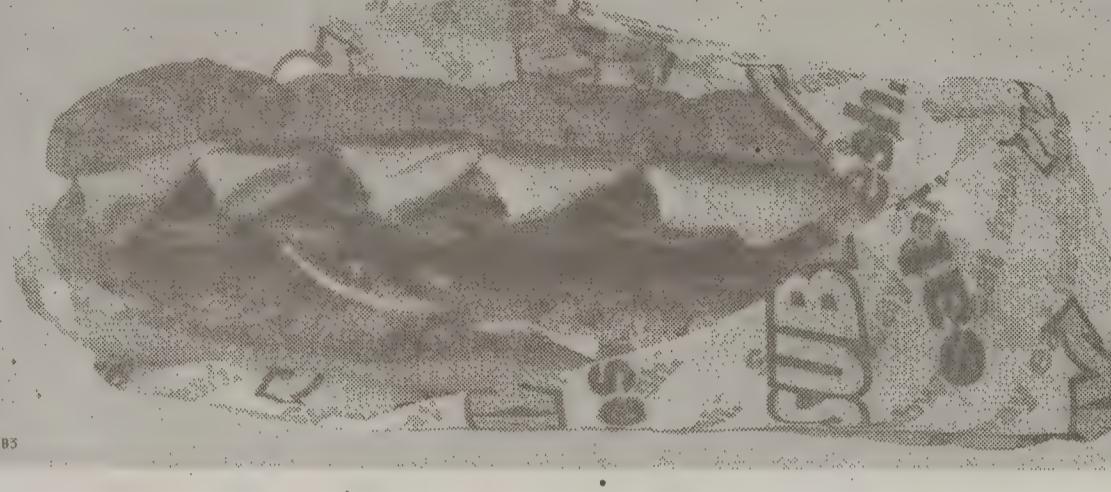
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Wells accepts \$100,000 fine

Wells fined for comments he made in his biography

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees have now the book back at the publisher was fined \$100,000 for an autobiography revealing revelations of drinking, use and disparaging the Yankees felt tarnished their image.

"I had it's over," Wells said during training appearance in Cleveland in Tampa, "I got to move on and go find pitch."

44-year-old left-hander, once one of the outlandish state-

ments during a major league career that began in 1987, did not elaborate much but issued a statement apologizing to owner George Steinbrenner, team employees, major league baseball and teammates.

"Anyone who knows me knows my love for the history of baseball, and in particular the history and traditions of its most famous franchise, the New York Yankees," Wells said. "I never intended to offend anyone, or compromise my relationships with teammates or fans, and I deeply regret that I may have done so."

After reading the book, general manager Brian Cashman concluded discipline was in order because "some of those things in the book ... did tarnish the Yankee image."

"The image of the Yankees is something we, and I personally,

am intending to protect on a daily basis," Cashman said.

After negotiations, Wells agreed not to contest the fine. The Yankees originally proposed that Wells be fined 10 days' pay of his \$3 million salary, which comes to nearly \$165,000, but Wells' agent, Gregg Clifton, objected.

The team wanted a fine with six figures, which is among the highest ever for a baseball player, but lower than the penalties imposed on Keith Hernandez, Dave Parker and Joaquin Andujar, who agreed to give up 10 percent of their 1987 salaries after the Pittsburgh drug trials.

The money will be split equally among three charities chosen by the team: the Boys and Girls Clubs of New York, the Baseball Assistance Team and the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.

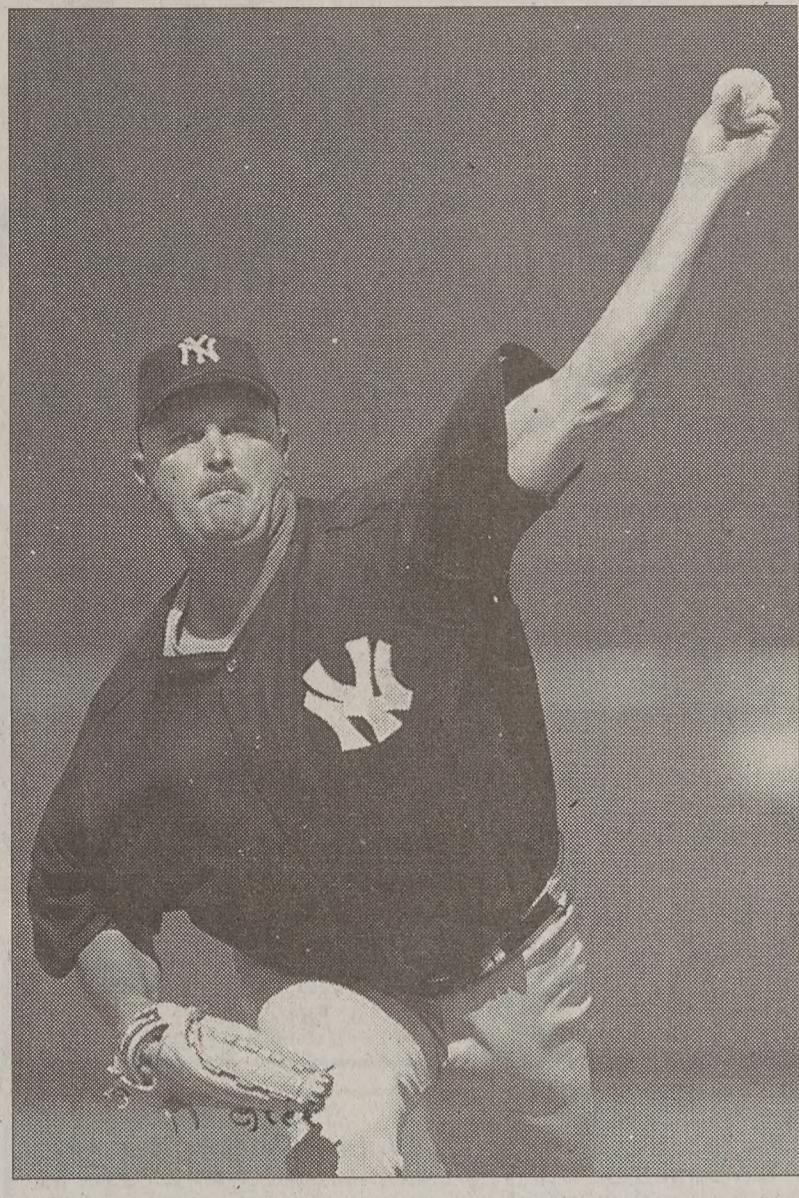
Commissioner Bud Selig said he intends to meet with Wells to

discuss the book, but major league baseball will not impose any additional discipline.

As part of the deal, Wells agreed not to promote the book on television or radio, one management official said on condition of anonymity. In addition, the Yankees must approve any signing appearances he makes in bookstores.

Wells backpedaled Monday on some of the more outrageous passages in the book, saying now he wasn't "half-drunk" when he pitched a perfect game against Minnesota in 1998.

"When I took the mound the day of my perfect game, I was ready to pitch. I certainly wasn't drunk," he said. "Anyone who knows me understands that I only intended to write this book in the spirit of fun. I am sorry that the book hasn't been taken in that vein."



New York Yankee pitcher David Wells delivers a pitch during a Spring Training game. The Yankees fined Wells \$100,000 for comments he made about teammates and the major league in his biography.

Reuters

Track star looks ahead as BYU career ends

Mentally, track is a hard sport; but once you've had a taste of it, you keep coming back. You must have heart to do this sport.

Nikki Hughes
BYU track team member

a sponsor and make a national team. Doing so would lead her to a possible shot at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

"If she has a decent year in jumping, she may be in the hunt," track coach Craig Poole said. "She certainly would have as good an opportunity as anyone who would want to fight for that position in the long jump."

BYU has been a good opportunity for Hughes to continue development and growth.

"Hopefully, my time at BYU has prepared me to make the next step, and I want to see what can happen," Hughes said. "It's always scary when one of your dreams or goals is in reach. It has always been one of my goals since I was little."

Hughes said she has worked with many coaches in the past, but Poole is like a father away from home, one who has all the characteristics of a great coach.

"He's so knowledgeable of the sport and has so much experience," Hughes said. "I know that I never would have reached my potential or goals if I didn't come to BYU. I think he's the best."

Hughes said she never thought in a million years she would end up at BYU.

"They didn't recruit me out of high school," Hughes said.

Hughes attended the University of Nevada on a track scholarship and then transferred to Utah Valley State College for a year and a half. It was not until then that BYU started talking to her.

"It has definitely been a blessing in disguise [coming] here," she said.

Hughes said it has been great to be pushed in practice with a lot of BYU athletes who are working toward the same goals.

An inspiration for Hughes growing up was her older All-American brother Erik Hughes, who also ran track and played football at BYU.

"I remember walking into his room with all of his medals," Hughes said. "I saw how well he took care of his body and how determined he was."

Coming from an athletic family, natural talent was imprinted in the genes.

"It's easy when you have natural talent to be lazy, but I saw him work so hard," Hughes said.

Hughes' brother continues to support her by attending her track meets.

As Hughes' BYU eligibility ends, it is her last chance to step up her performance.

"It has made me step it up a level, increasing my work ethic," Hughes said. "I compare myself to me, I know my own goals and what I'm capable of doing."

As a student majoring in health education with a coaching minor, Hughes said she hopes to always be involved with track in some way.

"I can't see myself doing something without this sport," she said. "I hope to coach a club team, high school team or even at the university level. It just becomes a part of you."

Hughes will finish her BYU career at the NCAA Indoor Nationals this week. The meet begins Friday in Fayetteville, Ark., and concludes Saturday.

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Constance K. Lundberg

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Constance Lundberg is associate dean and library director at the J. Reuben Clark Law School.

She has been a professor at BYU since 1983, and, before that, an adjunct professor at the University of Utah College of Law and Utah State University College of Natural Resources.

She specializes in and has published on environmental and natural resources law and environmental preservation of library collections.

Prior to joining BYU she was an associate, then partner, at Parsons, Behle and Latimer in Salt Lake City.

She was Counsel to the President's Council on Environmental Quality, 1974-76, and Vice-President of Rocky Mountain Industrial and Environmental Engineering, an environmental engineering consulting firm, 1984-1994.

Professor Lundberg has served with American Inns of Court for twelve years and has been a director of organizations ranging from the Utah Academic Library Consortium to the Utah Opera.

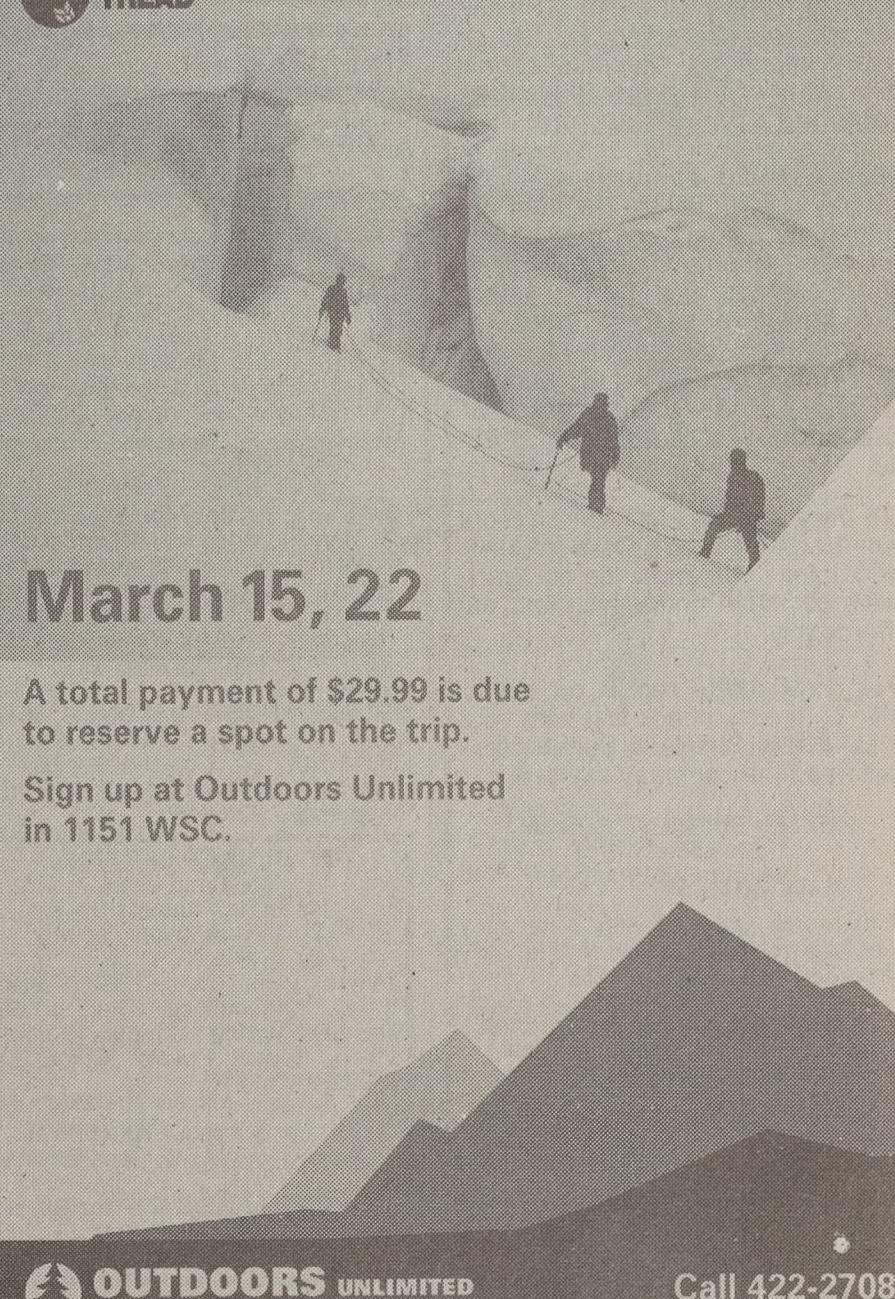
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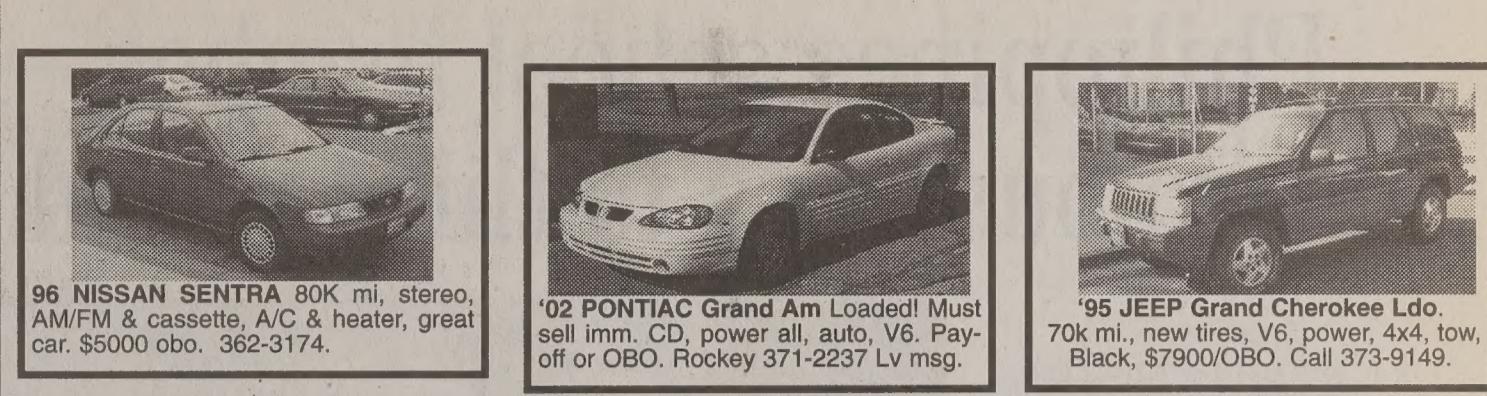
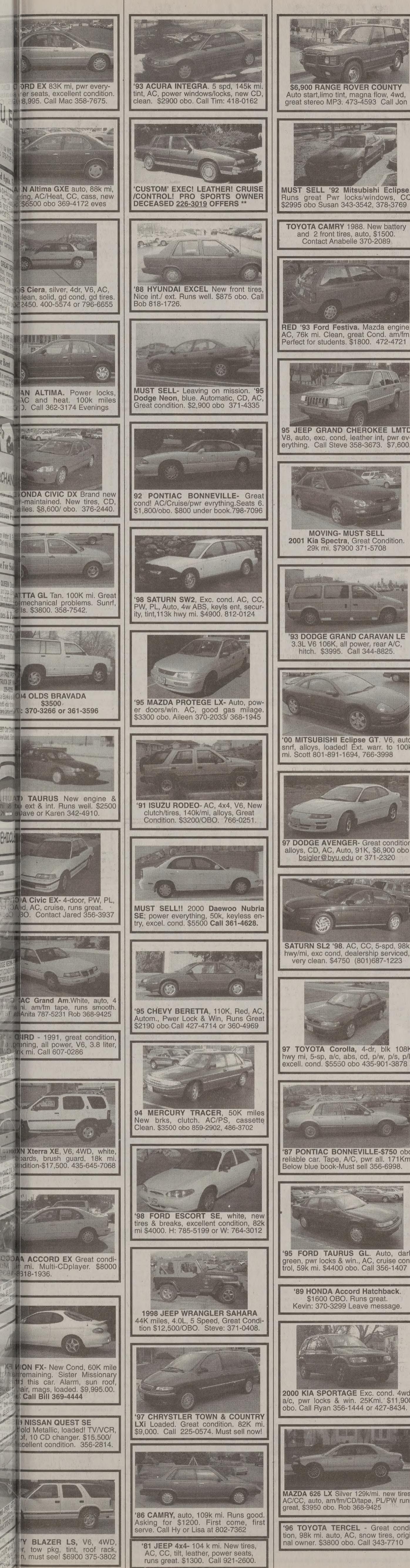
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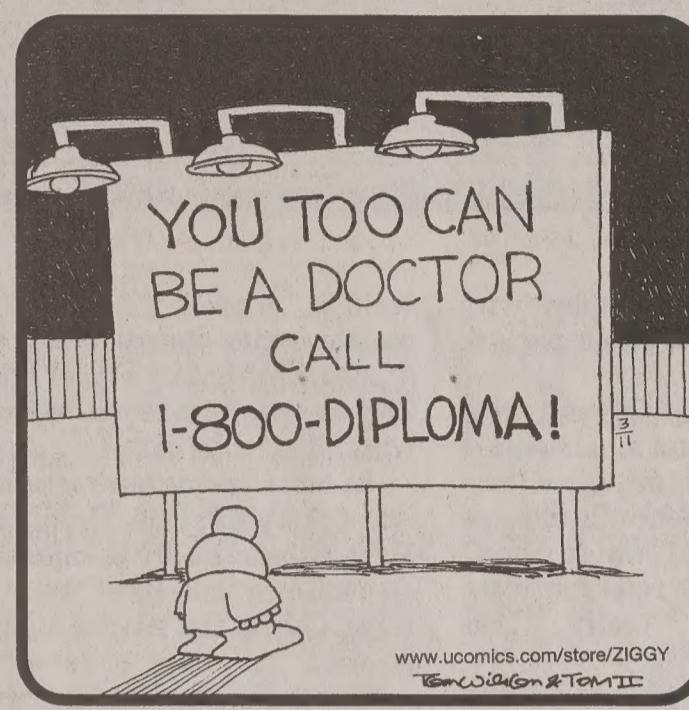
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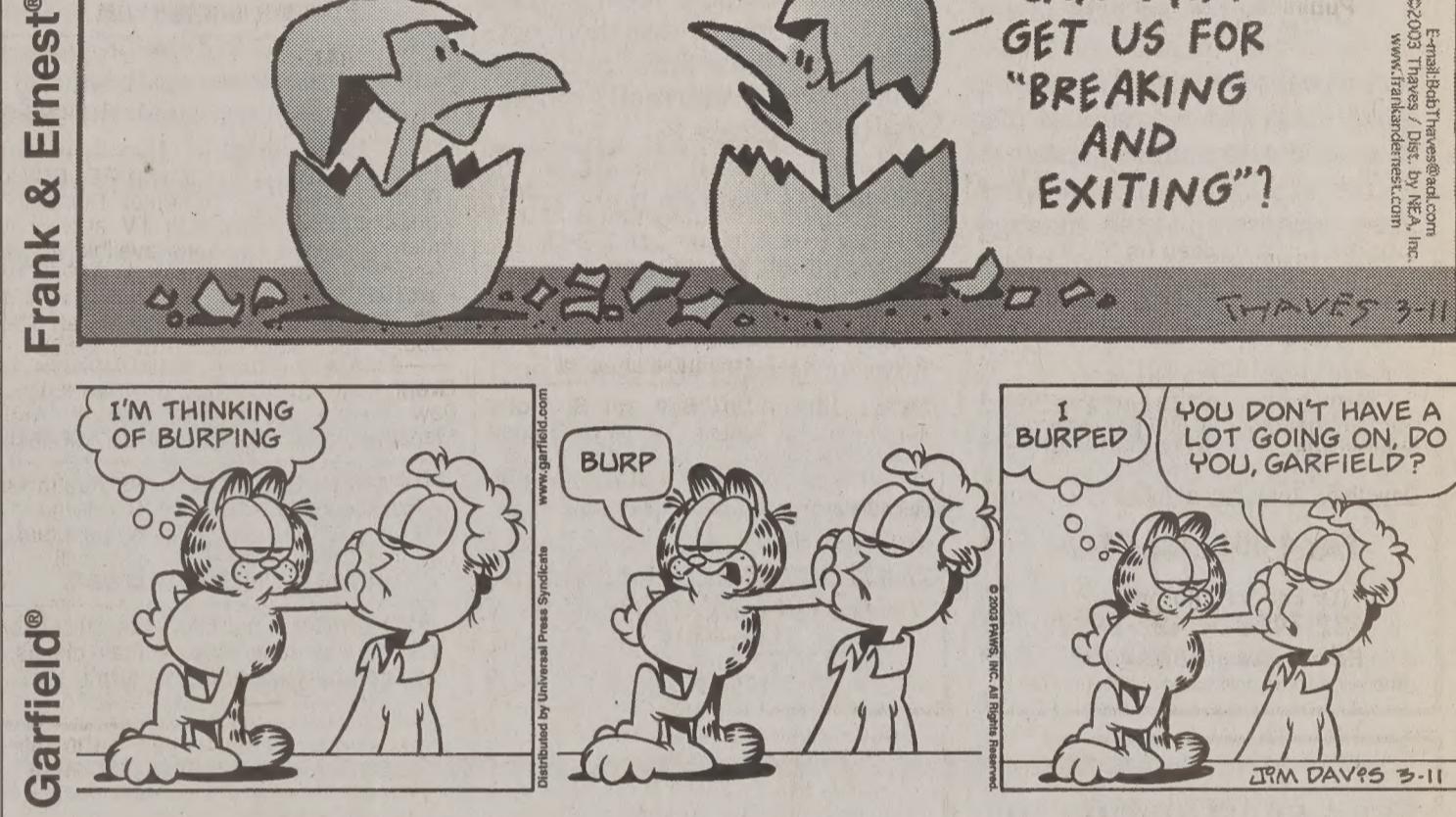
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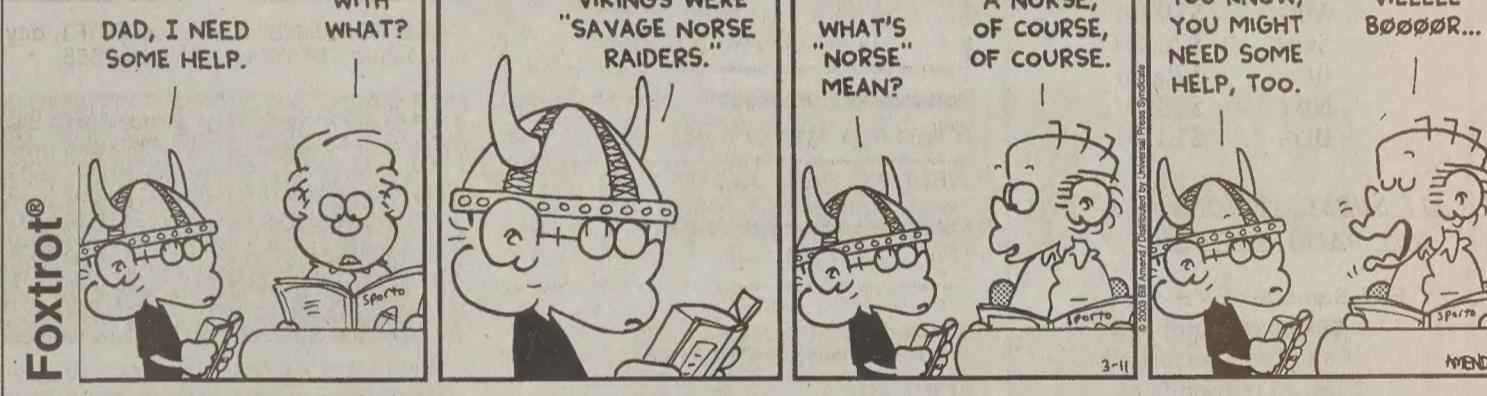
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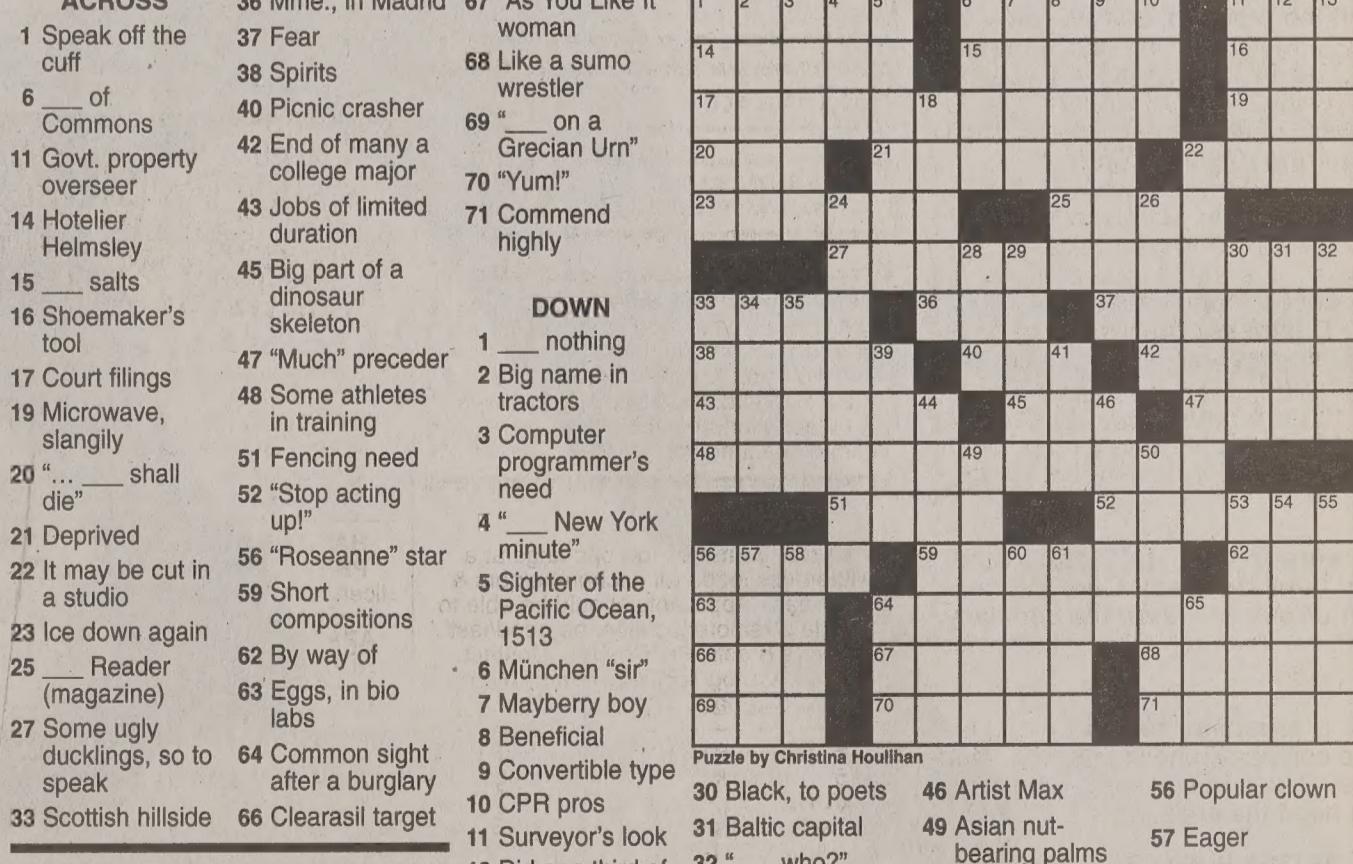
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Philippines school teaches micro-business to third world

By JENNIFER GUERTIN

While BYU seniors prepare to graduate and seek jobs in the U.S. economy, 25 Filipino return missionaries work towards their own graduation in the 12-bedroom seven-bathroom Academy for Creating Enterprises in Cebu, the Philippines.

BYU teachers Steve and Bette Gibson established the academy in November 1999. Since then, 387 Filipinos have passed through the Academy's eight-week course. The most recent group graduated March 6.

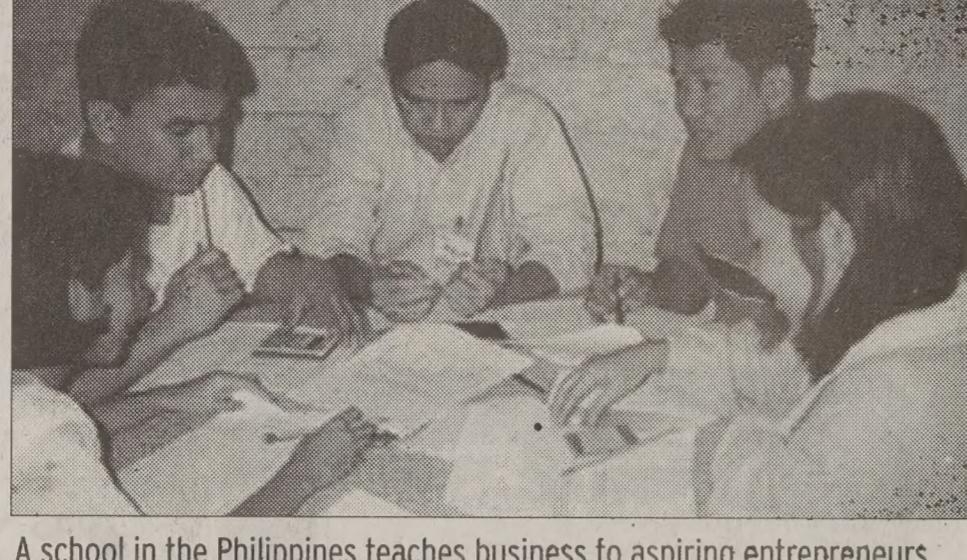
Their prospects at graduation aren't necessarily grand. Some leave the Academy to raise pigs or start a daycare, but academy training enables graduates to lift themselves above 69 percent of Filipino Latter-day Saints who live below the national poverty level.

On the first day of the course, academy students visit businesses in Cebu to examine records and learn how the businesses operate. During the second half of the course, they return to Cebu businesses as temporary interns.

Other parts of academy course work include guest lectures, goal setting, early morning devotionals and case studies. The case studies examine aspects of entrepreneurship such as enterprise leadership, time management, purchasing, accounting, marketing, systemization of business practices, employee hiring and management.

During their time at the Academy, students also develop business plans to implement when they return home.

"Their businesses range from piggeries to pharmacies, fruit stands to cellular phones to auto repair," said Co-founder Bette Gibson.



A school in the Philippines teaches business to aspiring entrepreneurs. It has had 387 since 1999.

The course concludes with students presenting their plans to each other.

"Last summer I went over there for three and a half days. I got there just in time to see them present," said John Gardner, a graduate student whose thesis work will include research at the academy. "I really was impressed."

Gardner said he was amazed not only by the presentations, but by the students.

"They were just wonderful people," Gardner said. "I stayed at the academy with the students. We had cold-water bucket showers, but it was fine. Most of them don't have much, just their optimism and their faith, and their humor, which was really refreshing and inspiring."

Gardner said he likes the Academy's approach to giving aid.

"A lot of people are familiar with micro-finance," Gardner said, "but not so familiar with how to actually develop a business. The academy gives them training on how to do better marketing, how to develop market strategy."

Two years ago, the Church News featured the academy — which, by training students to establish their own businesses, offers an alternative to the LDS

Welfare approach of seeking employment. Since then, the academy has drawn a lot of attention from organizations working with micro-enterprises.

"A lot of people have asked for our program," said Co-founder Steve Gibson said. "Humanitarian organizations like Cause for Hope, Choice and Action Against Poverty."

Steve Gibson and his wife, Bette, responded by making their curriculum available to anyone interested.

The case studies the school uses have been published as the first part in a three part book.

The other parts will include the academy's lessons and a micro-enterprise handbook.

Steve Gibson said the book will be available through the school's Web site at www.creatingenterprise.org.

The Gibsons were on campus Saturday for a presentation at the Micro-enterprise Conference.

Despite their willingness to pass on their experience, Steve Gibson said he and Bette have no desire to expand the Academy outside the Philippines.

"With 500,000 members in the Philippines scattered over 7,107 islands, we feel there is plenty for us to do the rest of our lives here," he said.

SLC jail deals with overcrowd

By STACEY REED

SALT LAKE CITY — The Salt Lake County Council unanimously accepted a new proposal recently that will release inmates early and implement booking qualifications in an effort to alleviate the shortage of cells in the Salt Lake County Jail.

"As of Wednesday, we had 20 women sitting here without beds," said Sheriff Paul Cunningham, chief deputy over corrections at the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office.

The jail's maximum cap on prisoners is 2,000 — 1,744 beds for men and 256 beds for women.

Based on traditional arrest and jailing practices, Cunningham said, the number of female beds is close to normal, but the jail is out of space.

"Every physical bed is filled, male and female," he said.

Cunningham said he realizes the magnitude of releasing prisoners, and the first thing the Sheriff's Office always considers in situations like this is public safety.

If the jail releases more on electronic monitoring, Cunningham said, it would be the least likely to be a public threat — speeders, vandals or fine violators.

"We don't want to release more serious offenders who will continue to engage in crime," he said.

He also said transporting prisoners to jails would not be practical because it would not have close access to their attorney pre-trial hearings.

Captain John Carlson of Utah County in Spanish Fork said the facility has been because it floats between 500 and 600 beds and hasn't gone over the maximum.

"If we reach that point, we are planning to divert prisoners to other programs or jail," Carlson said.

If there are no open beds for prisoners of the facility is lost, Carlson said.

This is one of the reasons Utah County ad-hoc committee, headed by Judge Jimmie J. Carlson, that discusses current issues, programs and future implementations, he said.

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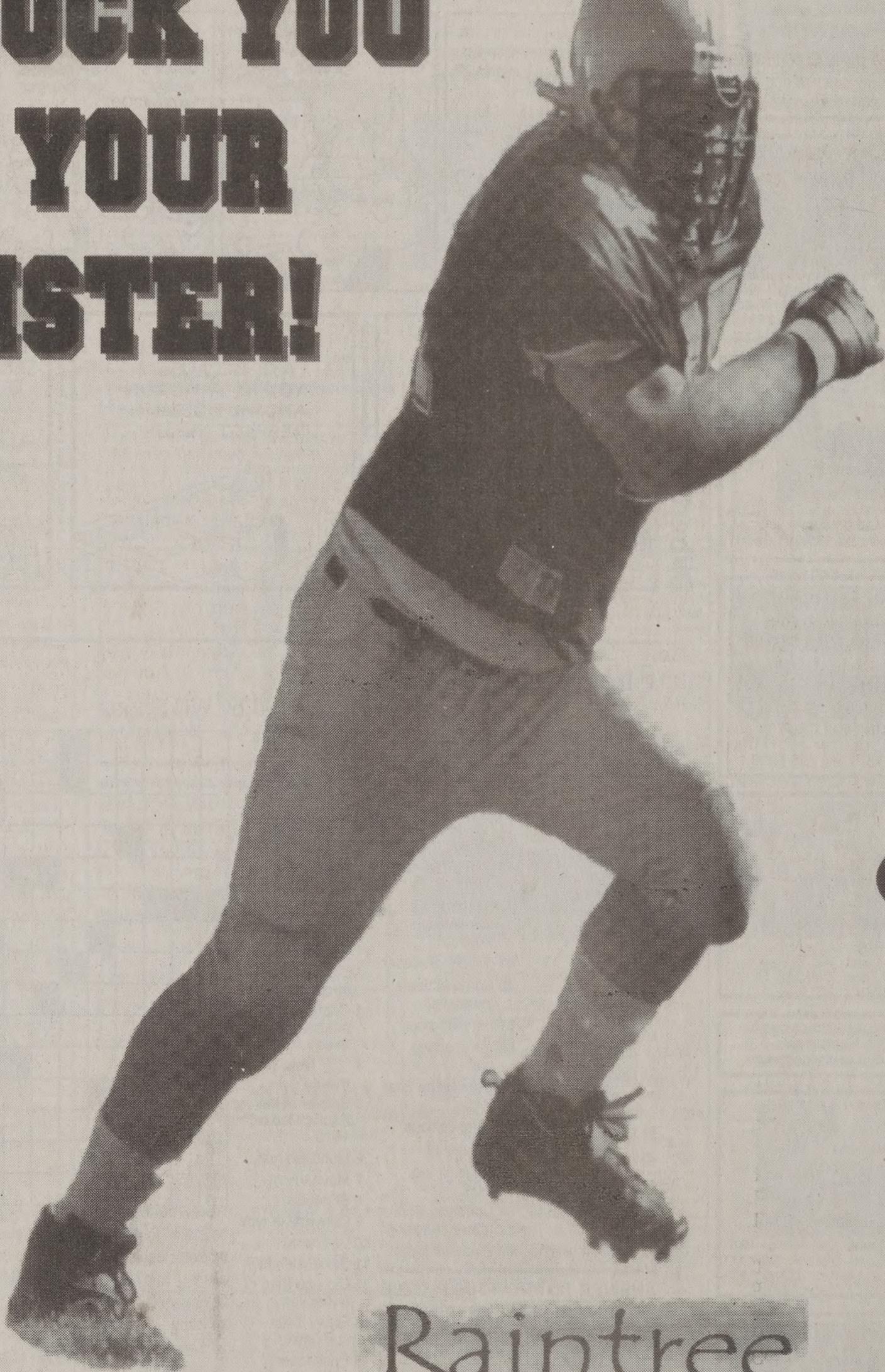
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